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Riko and her brother Daigo should have come home from the nearby park,
but instead arrived in a slightly different world before they knew it.
The parents who passed away, the friends who are still with them in this
different world.
Just where is this world?
This story is about the mysterious days they spend in order to return to their
original world.

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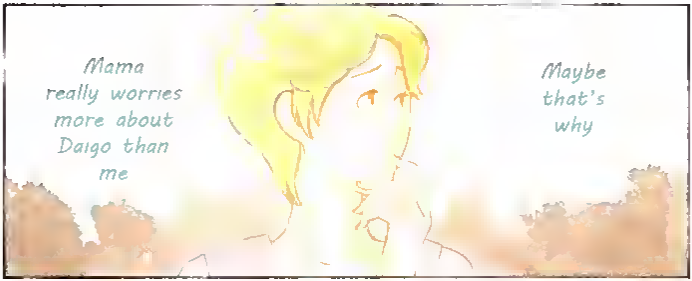
My brother Daigo had stolen a bike once, and was lectured by the police

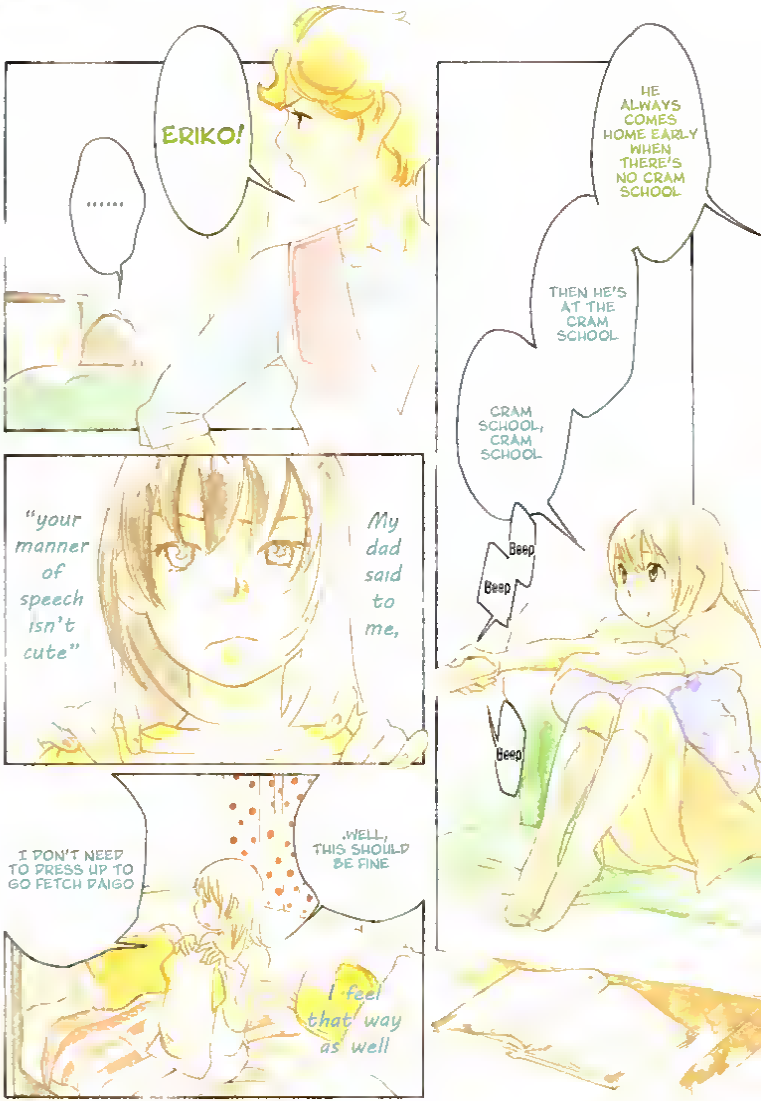


and neither am I

He isn't worried at all

ERI-CHAN, GO LOOK FOR HIM

OH, DAI-CHAN IS REALLY LATE AFTER ALL


ERIKO!
.....
"your manner of speech isn't cute"
My dad said to me,
I feel that way as well
I DON'T NEED TO PRESS UP TO GO FETCH DAIGO
.WELL, THIS SHOULD BE FINE
HE ALWAYS COMES HOME EARLY WHEN THERE'S NO CRAM SCHOOL
THEN HE'S AT THE CRAM SCHOOL
CRAM SCHOOL, CRAM SCHOOL
Beep
Beep
Beep

AH
I HEARD THAT IT'S GOING TO RAIN
カッ
カッ
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HEY
This is Ookubo-chan
HEY
Even though we were good friends until the very end of the first semester,
we changed in the second semester
We didn't fight or anything
Before we knew it we had just drifted away
What does this mean?
YO, GOOD MORNING
I mean that we aren't friends anymore
AHAHAHA

That wouldn't work either
"We didn't even fight or anything
so cough it up, Ookubo-chan! Let's spill all of our guts and feelings out"
WE SIBLINGS NEVER GET BORED, DO WE
AND DAIGO STOLE THAT BIKE~~~
OH, MACHO
STOP CALLING ME THAT
WELL, ISN'T THAT TANAKA?

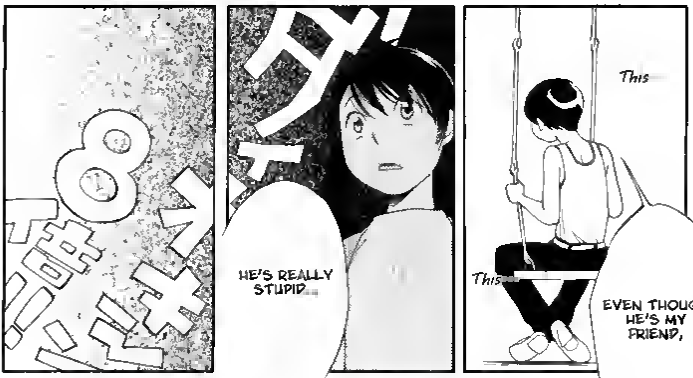
The not-so-macho Macho is conscious of that fact, which is why he hates being called by this name
WHY ARE YOU HOLDING AN UMBRELLA?
Macho is not called "Macho" for being macho
He's called "Macho" because his name is "Matsu-moto"
SHHHHH-HUT UP
I SEE THAT YOU HAVEN'T GOTTEN ANY THINNER, MA---
AS YOU CAN SEE, IT'S GONNA RAIN SOON
REALLY.
ELECTRO-MAGNETIC WAVES?
Th-That's it
What's with your finger
YEP, ELECTRO-MAGNETIC WAVES
COME ON, JUST GET CELL PHONES
AH
THAT'S FORBIDDEN IN OUR HOUSE BECAUSE, YOU KNOW
ANYWAYS, HAVE YOU SEEN DAIGO?
NOPE
YOU DUNNO WHERE HE IS?

WELL, SEE YA
'KAY
YEP
SCARY STUFF
ELECTRO-MAGNETIC WAVES SURE ARE SCARY
He's absolutely not my boyfriend!
Macho and I were classmates in elementary school
THERE'S NO RAIN
THERE'S NO RAIN

SPOTTED
STUPID DAIGO---
AH
SIS
PUT ON YOUR SHIRT OR ELSE MAMA IS GOING THINK THAT SOMETHING HAPPENED
ARE YOU HERE TO PICK ME UP?
JEEZ--- YOU DON'T EVEN DRESS LIKE THAT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SUMMER
only wearing your tank tops!
HEY, WHAT'S UP WITH THAT

...NO, OF COURSE NOT
YOU DIDN'T STEAL ANOTHER BIKE, RIGHT?
THAT'S RIGHT
MAMA WAS CRYING, "IS DAI-CHAN HOME YET? IS DAI-CHAN HOME YET?"
...UHHH HHHH---
THEN PUT ON YOUR SHIRT AND COME HOME
GOOD KIDS DON'T MAKE THEIR PARENTS WORRY!
I DON'T THINK YOU CAN CLEAN... THIS OFF
THEN IT'S FINE
DID YOU GET IT DIRTY?
WHAT? YOU COULDN'T HAVE LOST YOUR SHIRT, RIGHT?
I HAVE IT...

Shirt "800% dioxin!!"
(High dioxin levels is a major problem in Japan)



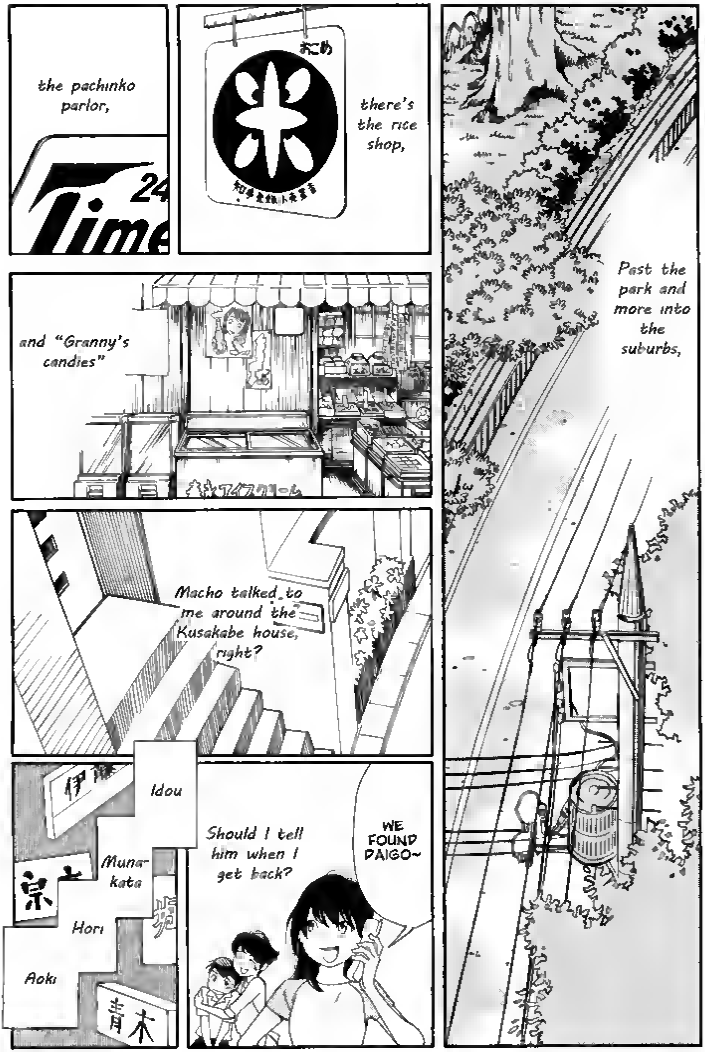
WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T LEAVE ME, SIS
ALRIGHT, JUST HURRY UP AND WALK
IS IT HIDDEN?
How can we hide these huge words?
IT'S FINE, SO HURRY UP
STOP WHINING, YOU BULLIED KID
REALLY...
THAT'S NOT WHAT HAPPENED
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO SAY IT UNTIL YOU GET IT...
I HAD THOUGHT OF THIS BEFORE, YOU'RE REALLY STUPID, SIS
ISN'T YOUR NICKNAME "DIOXIN"?
YOU DIDN'T EVEN HEAR THE STORY...

...YOU'RE REALLY ANNOYING, YOU KNOW
HMPH
I THOUGHT THAT BOTH MAMA AND SIS
..... .HEY
IF I WENT HOME, THEN THINGS WOULD GET MESSY...
WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENED TO THIS SHIRT

HAVE YOU EVER GOTTEN BULLIED AT SCHOOL, SIS?
OW
LIAR
NO
By the same token, I like girls because I go to an all-girls school
Stop saying nonsense
DO YOU REALLY LIKE BOYS THAT MUCH?
IT'S ALL BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO AN ALL-BOYS SCHOOL EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE A WEAKLING

Every day, we commute to and from the faraway schools we had chosen
Well, it's mostly because of Papa and Mama's big expectations for us
but I do like going to school by train
Daigo hates the subways,
but I like it
As it gets dark outside, carts and stands line up right next to the exits of the subway station
While I glance at them, I decide whether or not I want to go into Starbucks

I also don't need to go in the pub
I'll pass for today
It's all because I passed in front of that stupid Yoshinoya
SALE!!
Then I go to the drugstore next door after remembering that I left my lipstick
Let's stay at Lawson for a while
Welcome
This is the children's park that Daigo was at earlier
あげだご
The smell coming from the croquette shop is always delicious
WHAT A GREEDY SIGN...
BE ON YOUR GUARD! BE CAREFUL ABOUT PERVERTS, SERIAL KILLERS, STALKERS, AND TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS!
KAYON ELEMENTARY FOURTH GRADE ENDOU


the pachinko parlor,
there's the rice shop,
Past the park and more into the suburbs,
and "Granny's candies"
Macho talked to me around the Kusakabe house, right?
Idou
Muna-kata
Hori
Aoki
Should I tell him when I get back?
WE FOUND DAIGO~

That's right, that's right, the one next to the post office
and cross over the highway, you're almost there
After you pass by the stylish apartments
Then, finally
home, sweet home
田中
What I mean is, I shouldn't be lost right now!
Sllll~~S
It is covered by trees, and has tons of stores and lots of friendly neighbors
My town is a good town

HAVEN'T WE BEEN WALKING AROUND IN CIRCLES?
COME ON!
DON'T SAY CREEPY THINGS LIKE THAT
BUT COME ON... MAYBE WE'RE IN THE TWILIGHT ZONE OR SOME-THING...
YOU ALWAYS READ NOTHING BUT ARTICLES ON SUPERNATURAL PHENOMENON, OCCULT, AND URBAN LEGENDS
I hate those things!
SOONER OR LATER, YOU'LL LOSE YOUR MIND WORRYING ABOUT THAT STUFF
I'M NOT WORRYING ABOUT ANYTHING ...
Daigo had once stolen a bike

but he was
probably forced into doing that, right?
OH
SIS, THE APARTMENTS
WE CAN SEE THE APARTMENTS!
Once past these stylish apartments,
Luxage
Gran Jardin
Virdir
OH WOW
WE MIGHT HAVE TAKEN A WRONG TURN SOMEWHERE

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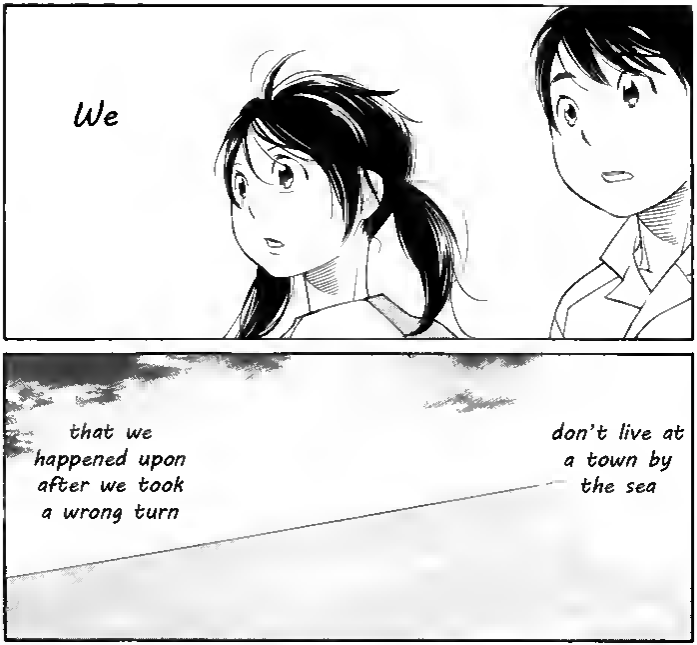
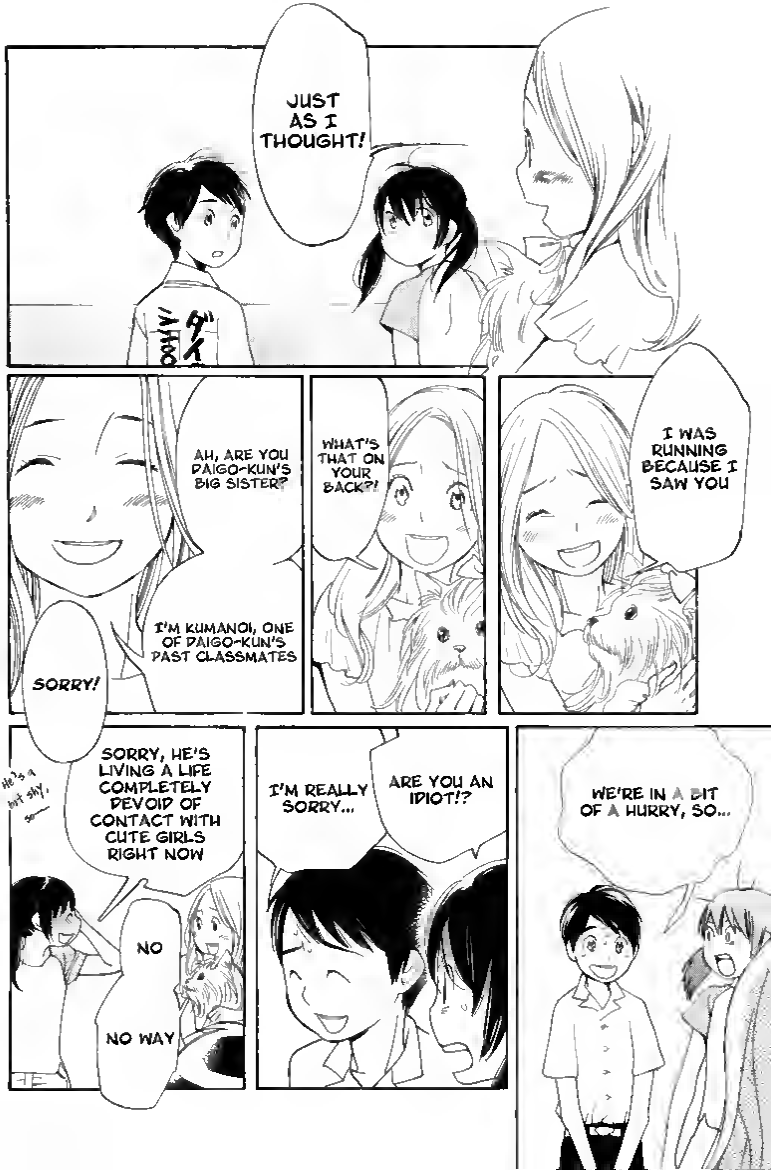
UH...
ダイオキ
ラン8倍!!


We
that we happened upon after we took a wrong turn
don't live at a town by the sea

DAIGO-KUN?

WHERE IS THIS...

We aren't supposed to be living here
WH...


JUST AS I THOUGHT!
I WAS RUNNING BECAUSE I SAW YOU
WHAT'S THAT ON YOUR BACK?!
AH, ARE YOU DAIGO-KUN'S BIG SISTER?
I'M KUMANOI, ONE OF DAIGO-KUN'S PAST CLASSMATES
SORRY!
WE'RE IN A BIT OF A HURRY, SO...
ARE YOU AN IDIOT!?
I'M REALLY SORRY...
SORRY, HE'S LIVING A LIFE COMPLETELY DEVOID OF CONTACT WITH CUTE GIRLS RIGHT NOW
He's a bit shy.
NO
NO WAY

SIS
WHAT'S ITS NAME?
TWINKY
HEY
WAH, IT'S SO CUTE! IS IT A YORKIE?
YES
AHH.. THEY'RE BOTH STILL LOOKING AT US
SAY SOMETHING, DIOXIN
UMM~~ HEY
THAT KUMANO!-SAN IS A NICE GIRL
...SO CUTE~~
SIS, YOU STILL DON'T GET OUR CURRENT SITUATION...?
WE'LL GET DIRECTIONS IF WE JUST ASK!

A TOWN NEAR THE SEA...
WHERE IS THIS?
I DUNNO, SO WE SHOULD JUST ASK!
WHO DO WE ASK?
KUMANOI-SAN!
KUMANOI-SAN IS DEAD!
SORRY ...
DURING THE WINTER
WHEN I WAS IN FIFTH GRADE,

Kumanoi-san was
silently looking at us

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I WAS WONDERING IF IT'S GOING TO RAIN
ISN'T YOUR NECK SORE?

I GUESS...
IT PROBABLY WON'T RAIN, RIGHT
DID YOU WATCH THE WEATHER REPORT?
WILL IT RAIN THE EVENING ?
I DIDN'T WATCH, SO I DUNNO
IF I'M SOAKING WET, THEN IT WOULDN'T BE WEIRD IF I TOOK OFF MY SHIRT....
DO YOU REALLY WANT ME TO SAY THAT IT'S GONNA RAIN?
YEA

OHHH
I SEE, I SEE
OHHHH-HHH~~
YOU'RE PRETTY SMART
THEN YOU CAN JUST WEAR YOUR TANK TOP
EHH~~..
He really seems happy
I don't know if he's really smart or really stupid

because we're still lost, after all
2. Unknown Town

ABOUT KUMANOI-SAN
DID YOU GO OUT WITH HER BEFORE?
...HUH?
BECAUSE YOU'RE TREATING A FORMER CLASSMATE LIKE A GHOST
I TOLD YOU, SHE'S REALLY DEAD!

AFTER A SHORT WHILE THE TEACHER
THEN,
BECAUSE OF THAT,
SHE WAS SUDDENLY HOSPITALIZED ONE DAY
TOLD US THAT KUMANOI-SAN HAD PASSED AWAY...
THAT'S WHY I WAS SO SHOCKED
DEAD PEOPLE WOULDN'T WALK UP AND SAY "DAIGO-KUN"
HUH?
LIAR

WHICH MEANS
THAT YOU'RE LYING
YOU'RE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE FACT THAT I DON'T KNOW KUMANOI-SAN
SIS, THERE'S NO POINT FOR ME TO LIE TO YOU
OH, ISN'T THERE ONE!?
IT'S BECAUSE I'M MEAN TO YOU, HUH!
END OF CONVER-SATION!

ASK FOR DIRECTIONS, DAIGO

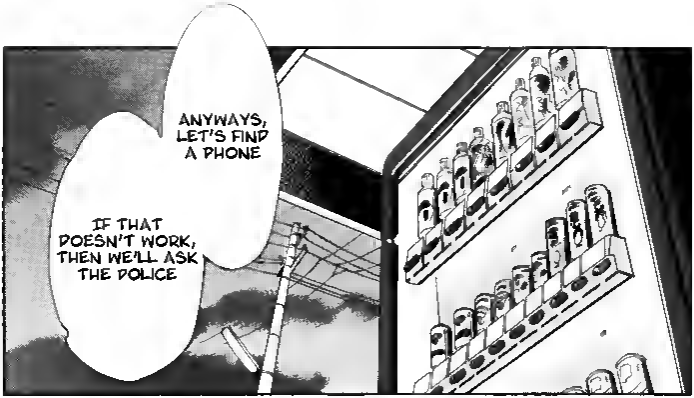
THEN WE REALLY SHOULD GO BACK TO KUMANOI-SAN
N-
NOOO
OOH
SHE'S ALREADY GONE!
ダイオ
ミシロ
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU!?
BECAUSE I WASN'T REALLY FRIENDS WITH HER
I WAS SCARED
I MIGHT HAD BEEN REALLY HAPPY...
IF I HAD... MET
BUT SINCE KUMANOI-SAN AND I WEREN'T VERY CLOSE AT ALL
A DEAD FRIEND
THAT'S AWFUL

SIS...
WHAT IF WE HAD MET ONE OF YOUR DEAD FRIENDS INSTEAD? WHAT WOULD YOU THINK?
NONE OF MY FRIENDS HAVE PASSED AWAY YET, SO I DON'T KNOW

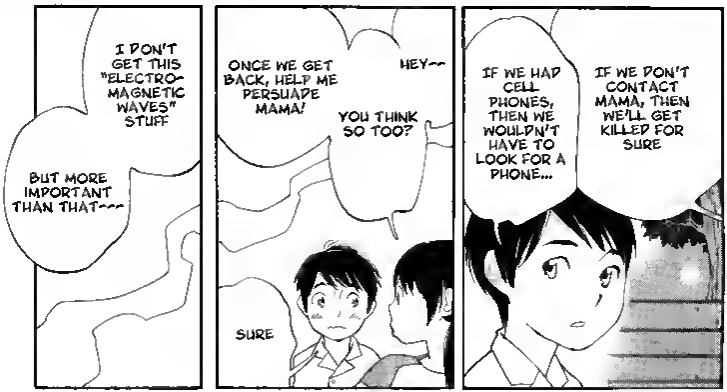
AH
SOMEONE'S COMING
HUH?
ME?
UHH--- I'M KINDA NERVOUS
U-UMMMM EXCUSE ME
huh?
CAKE

...YES?
and shocked her by accident···
I was too loud
UH-
UMMMM...
Even then, in an extremely calm manner,
I politely asked about the closest train station
I'M VERY SORRY, BUT I HAVE NO IDEA
and was politely brushed off
MAYBE SHE THOUGHT THAT WE WERE SUSPICIOUS
NO WAY...
I DON'T LIKE THIS FEELING. LET'S ASK SOMEONE ELSE

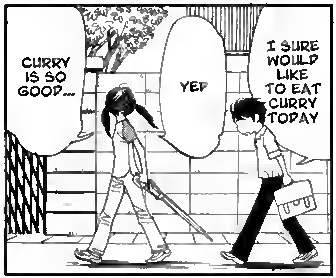
Teehee
SORRY, I'VE NEVER HEARD OF THAT TOWN
ASK OVER THERE
THERE'S A POLICE BOX UP AHEAD
THINGS WOULD A LOT QUICKER IF WE ASKED THE POLICE
UHHHHHH
THE POLICE
NOT THEM..
OH YEA
YOU'RE AN EX-CON
DON'T SAY IT THAT WAY..


ANYWAYS, LET'S FIND A PHONE
IF THAT DOESN'T WORK, THEN WE'LL ASK THE POLICE

THAT'S FINE, RIGHT
IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, THEN GO CURL UP AND CRY SOMEWHERE
O-
OKAY, I GET IT

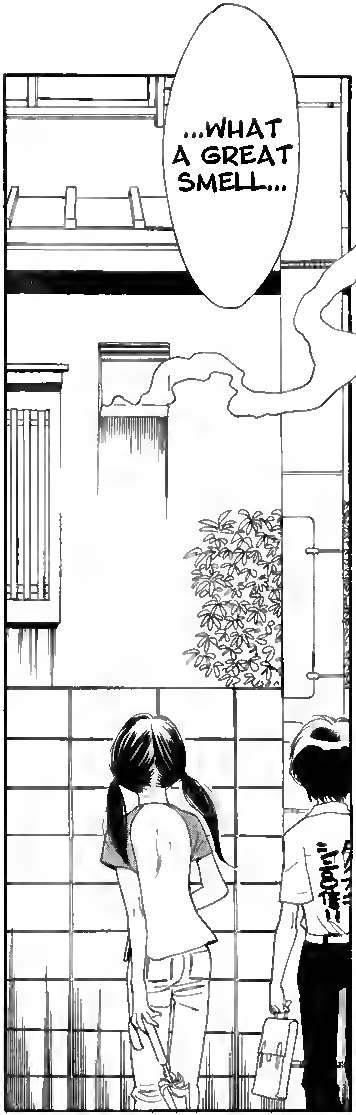

IF WE DON'T CONTACT MAMA, THEN WE'LL GET KILLED FOR SURE
IF WE HAD CELL PHONES, THEN WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO LOOK FOR A PHONE...
HEY--
YOU THINK SO TOO?
ONCE WE GET BACK, HELP ME PERSUADE MAMA!
SURE
I DON'T GET THIS "ELECTRO-MAGNETIC WAVES" STUFF
BUT MORE IMPORTANT THAN THAT---

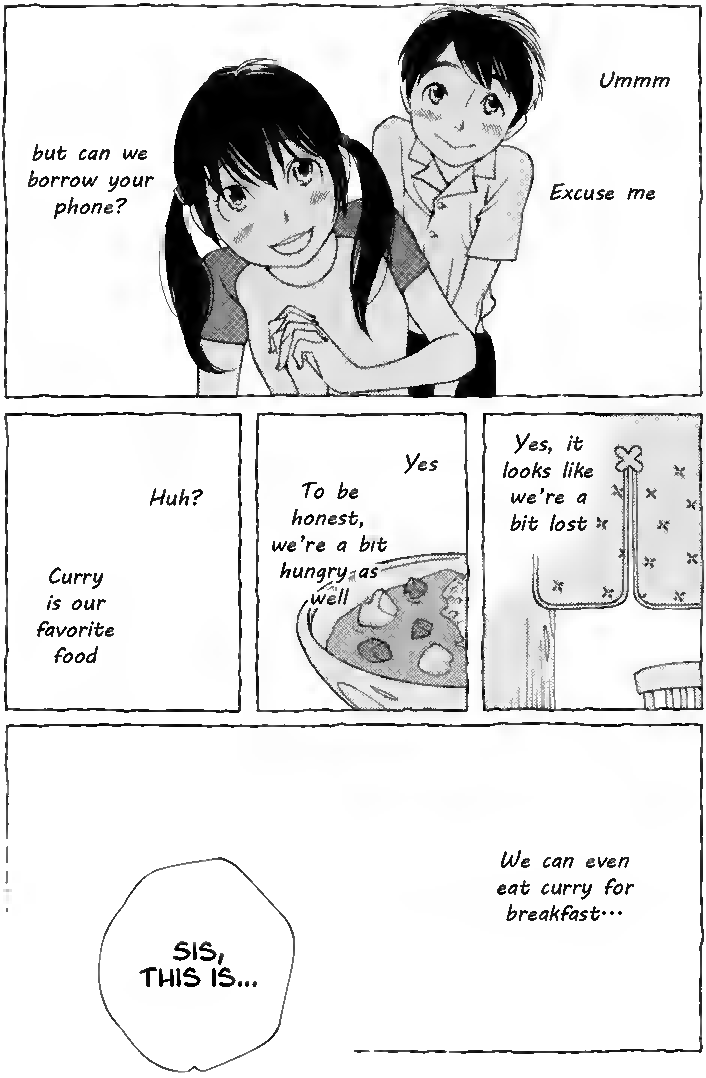
SMELLS LIKE CURRY
YEAH


CURRY IS SO GOOD...
YEP
I SURE WOULD LIKE TO EAT CURRY TODAY

Will they let us borrow their phone?

After we finish using the phone, it would be great if we could get treated to some curry...


...WHAT A GREAT SMELL...


Ummm
Excuse me
but can we borrow your phone?
Huh?
Curry is our favorite food
Yes
To be honest, we're a bit hungry as well
Yes, it looks like we're a bit lost
We can even eat curry for breakfast…
SIS, THIS IS...

DID WE GO AROUND IN A CIRCLE?
WHA---
NO WAY
AH
A PHONE!
IT CAN'T BE
AH, YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING
THERE'S REALLY ONE HERE
AH... BUT AT LEAST WE'RE BACK
UHHHH
ANYWAYS, LET'S CALL HOME FIRST
DAIGO, COUGH UP SOME DOUGH
10円・100円

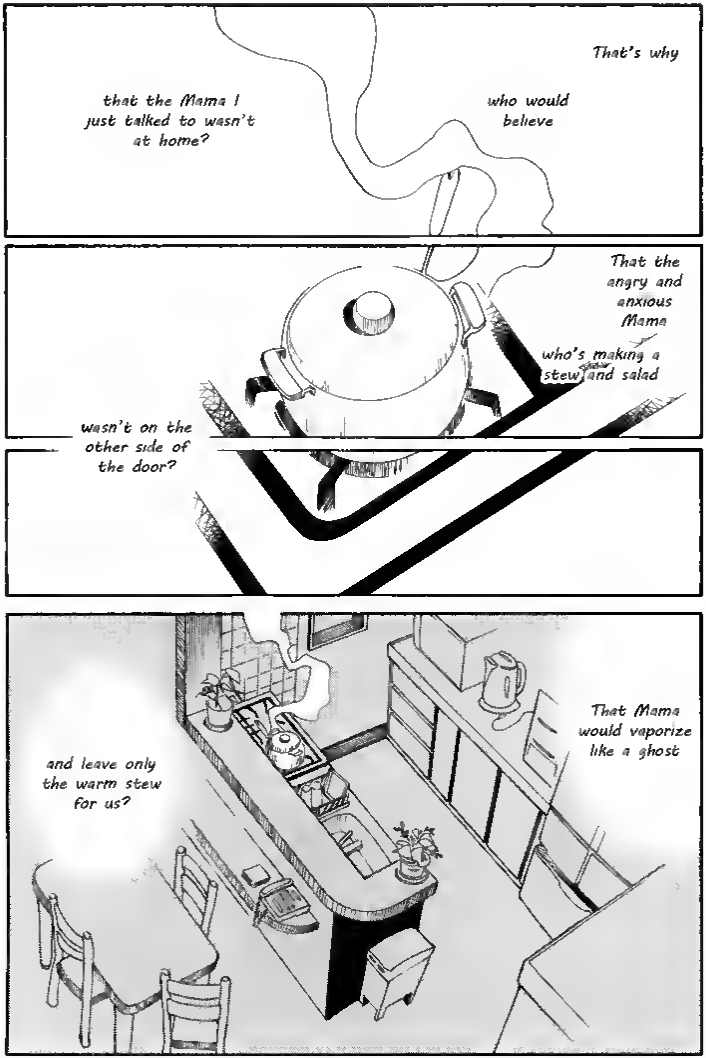
DO YOU HAVE A TELEPHONE CARD?
10 YEN!
ARE YOU HIS FAN?
UH...
YEA
YOSHINOBU TAKAHASHI
TAKAHASHI YOSHINOBU
"SEVEN"!
/minutes left on the card
IF YOU'RE A FAN, THEN YOU SHOULD TREASURE THIS MORE!
S-SORRY

Hello?
---Hello, this is the Tanaka residence

It's 7 o'clock, 7!
Wait a minute here!
How late do you think it is!?
EH--- NO WAY
MAMA, I'M SO SORRY
I'M WITH DAIGO RIGHT NOW
Oh my, Eri-chan?
DON'T GET TOO HAPPY YET
I THINK WE'RE LOST
Ah--- But I'm happy that you're with Dai-chan
What do you mean, "no way"?
And you even wasted money on a phone call, good grief---
ARE WE NEAR THE SEA?
Huh!?
Then how did you get lost!?
You know, you---
THAT'S NOT IT
You found Dai-chan that far away!?
THE ONE BEYOND THE RICE SHOP
EH?
WE'RE AT THE PARK

OH
AH
NO WAY! WE'LL BE HOME RIGHT AWAY
I'm making stew and salad for dinner
Don't take so long to call, Eriko! I was waiting for such a looong time..
ALRIGHT.
LET'S GO HOME
DID SHE COMPLETELY FLIP OFF?
WHAT DID MAMA SAY?
カートの残り度数
005
We can't say it to Mama but it's not good at all
About Mama's stew
STEW, HUH
SHE SAID THAT WE'RE HAVING STEW TONIGHT

WHY WAS SHE THERE...
BEATS ME
WHAT DO WE DO IF ANOTHER WEIRD THING HAPPENS?
THEN WE'LL JUST CALL HOME AGAIN
KUMANOI-SAN SEEMED SO MATURE...
HAHAH!
SO KUMANOI-SAN REALLY EXISTS
I SAID THAT SHE PASSED AWAY!
YOU EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE THAT?
YOU SAID THAT SHE'S NOT PART OF THIS WORLD NOW
I DIDN'T SAY THAT SHE DIDN'T EXIST!
EVEN THOUGH WE SAW THE SEA...
I may have let my guard down due to the successful phone call


That's why
who would believe
that the Mama I just talked to wasn't at home?
That the angry and anxious Mama
who's making a stew and salad
wasn't on the other side of the door?
That Mama would vaporize like a ghost
and leave only the warm stew for us?

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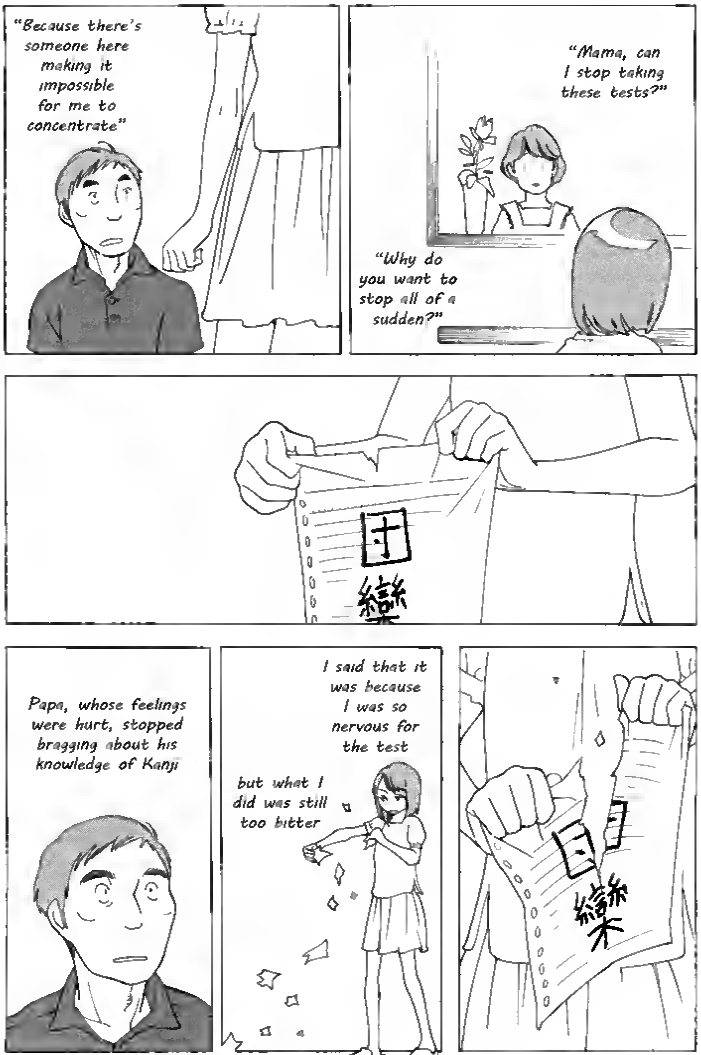
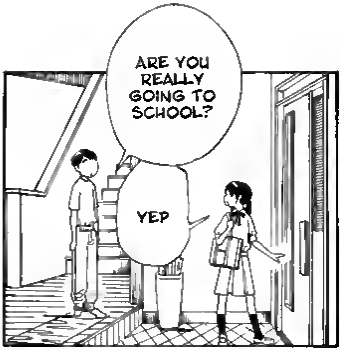
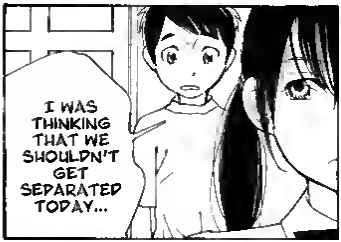
For a while, Papa was proud of being able
to write the Kanji characters of the word "harmony"
"Papa, you're still going on about that?"
"That won't even be on the test"
"Come on, Enko, can you write it?"
"You can't, can you?"
"I'm only in sixth grade right now"
"You can't go wrong by learning now!"
"'Cause the kids these days don't know how to write Kanji anymore"


"Because there's someone here making it impossible for me to concentrate"
"Mama, can I stop taking these tests?"
"Why do you want to stop all of a sudden?"
Papa, whose feelings were hurt, stopped bragging about his knowledge of Kanji
I said that it was because I was so nervous for the test
but what I did was still too bitter


ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO SCHOOL?
YEP


I WAS THINKING THAT WE SHOULDN'T GET SEPARATED TODAY...

THEN, YOU COULD STAY HERE AT HOME
PAPA AND MAMA COULD CALL HOME ANY SECOND NOW

All thanks to that incident, even now, I can still write the Kanji characters for "harmony"

OR SOMEONE FROM A HOSPITAL OR THE POLICE MIGHT COME
Isn't going to school more scary?
BECAUSE... THAT SEEMS SO SCARY
...I'LL COME WITH YOU
HUH?
JUST STAY HERE
But to be honest, I can't stand staying at home and doing nothing
WAIT FOR ME, SIS!

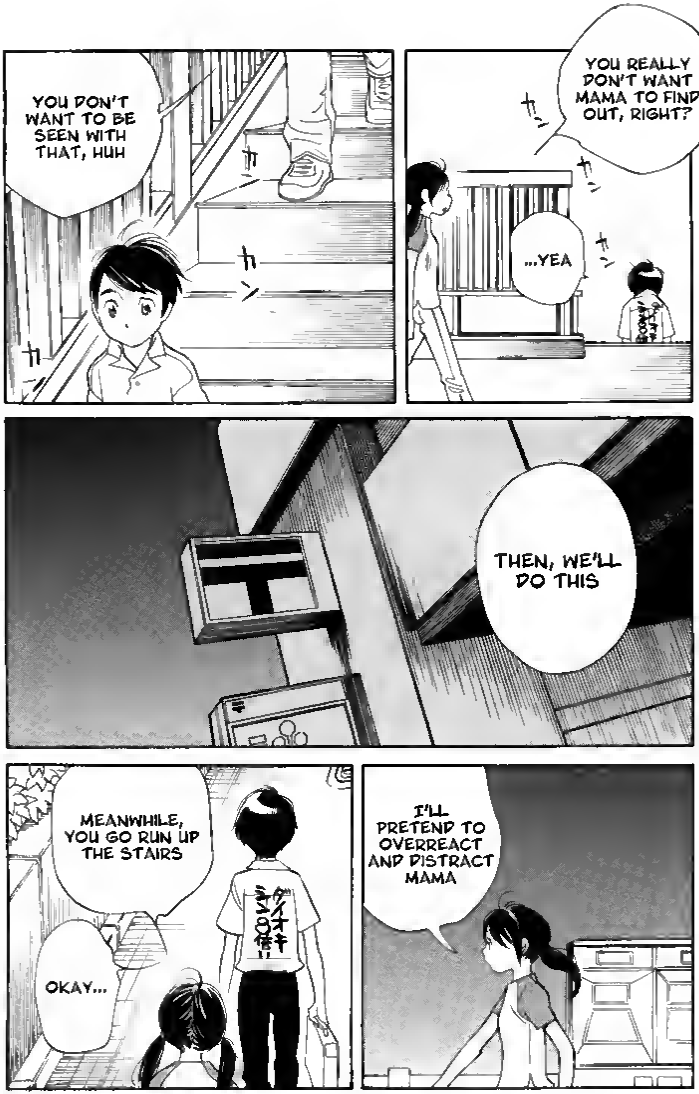
3. We're home

UWAH
IT'S TRUE
IT'S PAST SEVEN
WHAT DO YOU NEED, ERI-CHAN? IT'S NOT TOO LATE NOW
BE CARE-FUL-
OKAY-
THAT WAS THE NICE LADY FROM THE RICE SHOP, NO DOUBT ABOUT IT

AH--- YOU DON'T NEED TO POUT!
...ALRIGHT, YOU DON'T HAVE TO BELIEVE IN WHAT I SAID ABOUT KUMANOI-SAN ANYMORE
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ME?
THIS... EVEN THOUGH IT'S CLOSED, IT'S THAT GRANNY'S CANDY STORE, RIGHT?
HUH?
YEA, I GUESS
YOU TWO ARE THOSE TANAKA KIDS, HUH
WHAT FOUL-MOUTHED YOUNG'UNS
SO RUDE

THE KUSAKABE HOUSE!
日下部
EVEN THAT ROTTEN GRANNY IS THERE!
HORI
MUNAKATA
ITOU
伊藤
AOK---...

プァァァ
WHY DID YOU HAVE TO SAY THAT TO HIM!?
I WASN'T TALKING TO HIM!
ダイオキシン
WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO ABOUT THIS?


YOU DON'T WANT TO BE SEEN WITH THAT, HUH
カン
YOU REALLY DON'T WANT MAMA TO FIND OUT, RIGHT?
...YEA
THEN, WE'LL DO THIS
MEANWHILE, YOU GO RUN UP THE STAIRS
OKAY...
I'LL PRETEND TO OVERREACT AND DISTRACT MAMA

TANAKA
...YOU'RE RIGHT
AH
THERE IT IS
GO!
OKAY!
WELL, PLEASE, COME IN TO OUR HUMBLE ABODE
HAHAHA
チャリ
OF COURSE, YOU DUMMY
THANK GOOD-NESS

GOOD GRIEF
MAMA
LISTEN TO THIS, MAMA! WE SURE WERE IN A LOAD OF TROUBLE!
DAIGO WAS PLAYING AT THAT PARK LIKE A LITTLE KID...
...AND HE WAS WITH A FRIEND

HUH?
MAMA?
AH
HEYYY
THE STEW
ぶわっ
HMMM
NOT CREAMY ENOUGH

SO SHE WENT OUT TO FIND US, HUH
EVEN THOUGH WE WOULD'VE MISSED EACH OTHER
YOU'D THINK THAT WISDOM COMES WITH AGE, BUT NOOOO
MAMA?
STOP WEARING THOSE WOMEN'S TROUSERS!
YOU SURE ACT LIKE A GIRL

EH---
LOOKS LIKE MAMA WENT OUT
Mama? Heehee
THAT'S WHAT YOU SAID
I DON'T TALK LIKE THAT
IF YOU'RE SO CURIOUS, THEN GO LOOK AROUND THE HOUSE
YOU MIGHT FIND HER COLLAPSED SOMEWHERE
SHE WASN'T UPSTAIRS, RIGHT?
YEA
WHAT?
THE PART ABOUT HOW SHE MIGHT HAVE COLLAPSED SOME-WHERE
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT WITH A STRAIGHT FACE?
SIS

THAT WAS A JOKE
I THINK THAT IT MIGHT NOT BE A JOKE
ARE WE GOING TO EAT THAT STEW?
GO WATCH YOUR BASEBALL
HUH?
MAMA IS SO IMPATIENT

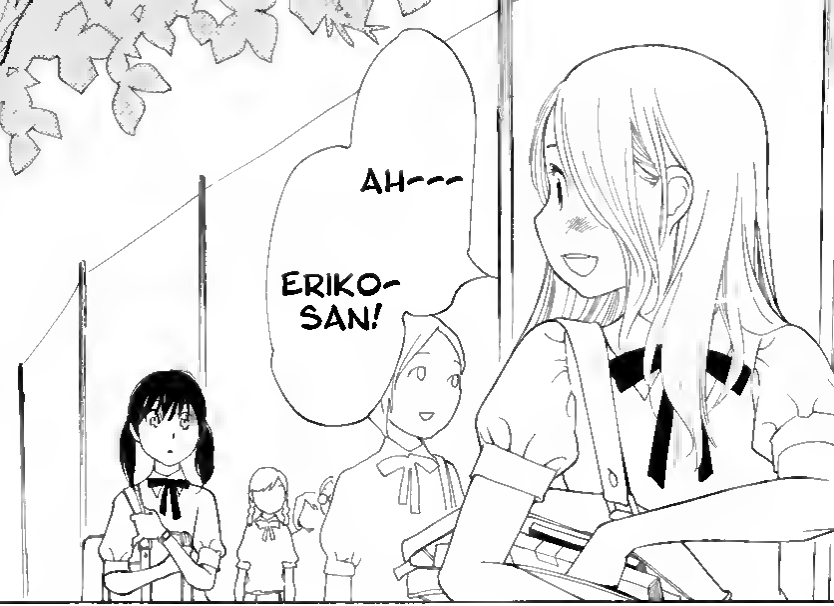
ONLY YOU COULD EVER GET MAD AT OTHER PEOPLE'S JOKES...
YEA...
I THINK SHE PANICKED AND WENT OUT TO TRY TO LOOK FOR US
THAT'S NOT A JOKE, UNDER-STOOD?
WHY ARE YOU MAD AT ME NOW!?

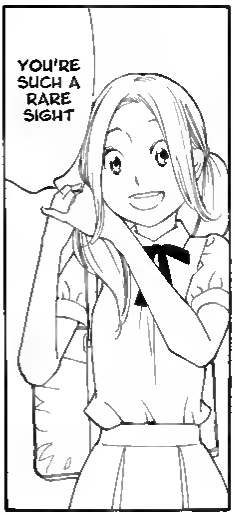
...THAT'S STRANGE

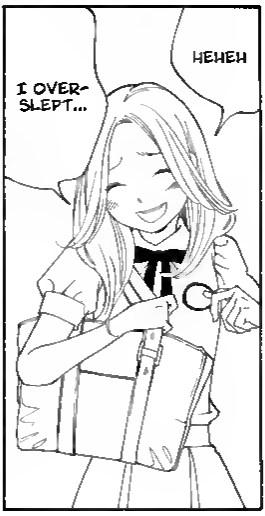
YOSHINOBU TAKAHASHI...
HE ISN'T DOING SO WELL?
NO... IT FEELS LIKE
HIS BODY...
HIS FACE... I MEAN
GOT FATTER?
YOU SERIOUS?
GEEZ, YOU'RE SUCH A FAN
MAYBE I'M WRONG...
ISN'T MAMA WAY TOO LATE?
YEAH
AH!
IT'S EIGHT!
In the end, she never came home

HOW COULD MAMA AND PAPA NOT COME HOME...
I'M CERTAIN THAT SOMETHING STRANGE IS UP
I THOUGHT ABOUT MANY THINGS LAST NIGHT
DON'T SAY THAT THIS "STRANGE"...
ABOUT THE SEA
ABOUT KUMANOI-SAN
STRANGE THINGS ARE HAPPENING OVER AND OVER
MAYBE WE'RE IN THE AFTERLIFE

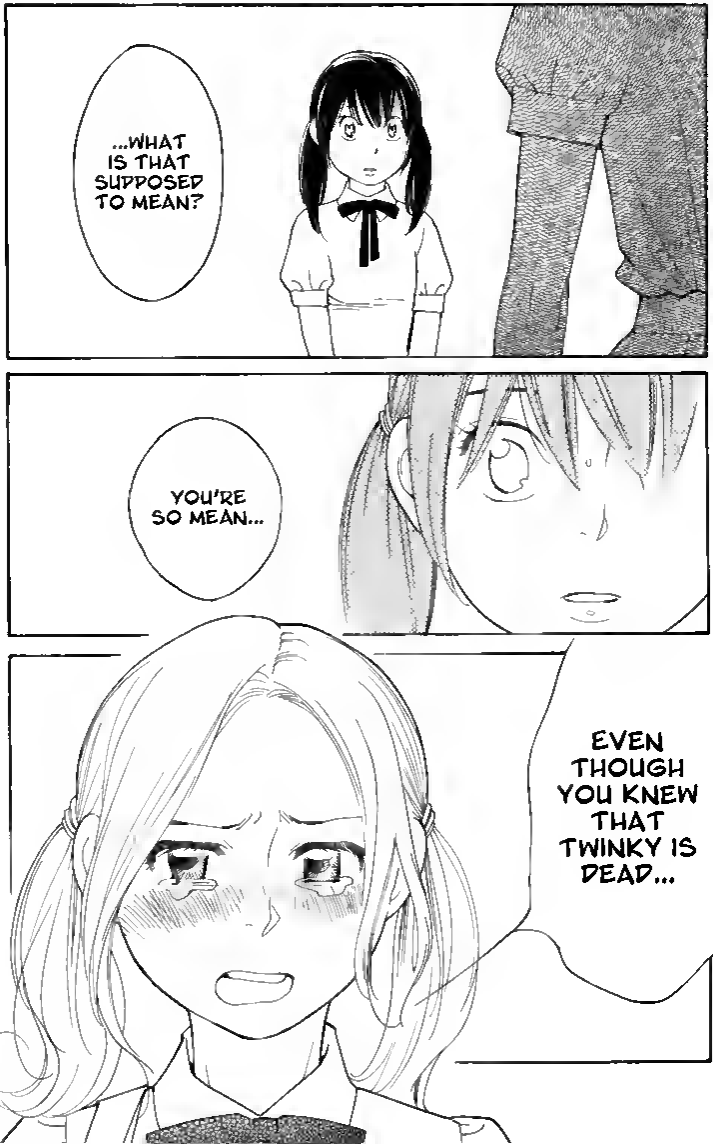
AH
MAYBE WE HAVE DIED AND HAVEN'T NOTICED IT YET
I DUNNO
This kid can be so irritating
SO WHAT, WE DIED?
...HUH?
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN
Until he can't think about it anymore, he'll keep thinking about it
That's the kind of person he is
He's been thinking about it all the time
YOUR PLATFORM IS OVER THERE, RIGHT?
OH
YEA...
I hope that nothing bad happened
I'll go to our uncle, the police, or, umm
If they still don't come home today,

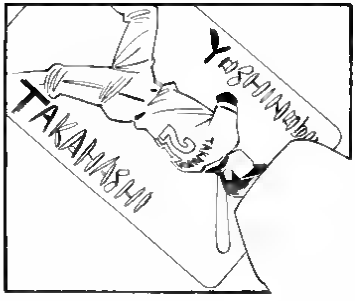

AH---
ERIKO-SAN!

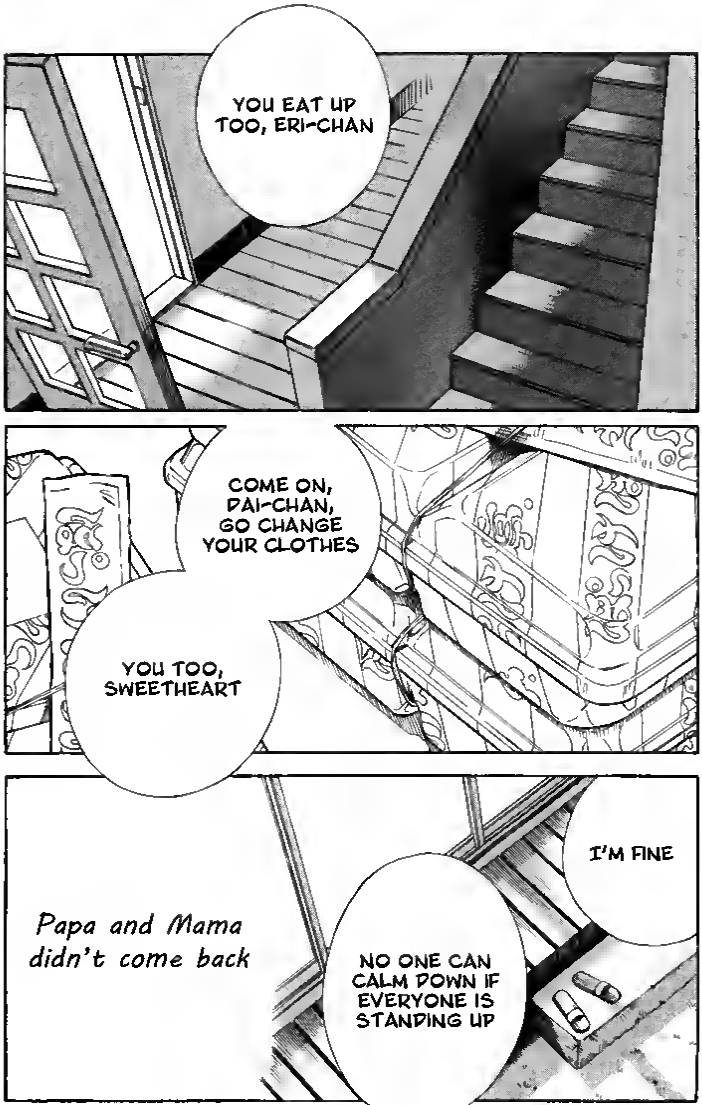

YOU'RE SUCH A RARE SIGHT


HEHEH
I OVER-SLEPT...

Daigo's
YEP, I'M KUMANOI
KU
KUMA-NOI-
SAN...?
Ummmm Who was she again?
classmate who is said to be dead
That one
WE MET YESTER-DAY...
EHH---
YOU COULD'VE CALLED OUT TO ME
OH MY
WHERE DID YOU SEE ME?
WELL... YOU HAD TWINKY ALONG WITH YOU


...WHAT IS THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
YOU'RE SO MEAN...
EVEN THOUGH YOU KNEW THAT TWINKY IS DEAD...


TAKAHASHI


YOU EAT UP TOO, ERI-CHAN
COME ON, DAI-CHAN, GO CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES
YOU TOO, SWEETHEART
Papa and Mama didn't come back
NO ONE CAN CALM DOWN IF EVERYONE IS STANDING UP
I'M FINE

Instead, our aunt and uncle came
HERE, WE'VE BOUGHT BENTO FOR YOU TWO
HEY
GO GET CHANGED
4. Abandoned

WELL, SINCE WE'VE BOUGHT THIS,
LET'S JUST BEAR WITH IT TODAY
OH, MY
THERE WAS A STEW HERE
SORRY ABOUT THAT
GOTTA PICK UP CALLS FROM WORK, YOU KNOW?
HERE ARE THE FRIED CHICKEN AND HAMBURGERS
AND YOUR SALMON, SWEETHEART
Daigo should be worse when it comes to him
was never on good terms with this uncle
THEN, LET'S EAT
...

OF ALL THINGS TO HAPPEN ...
That's because this uncle was the only one who made Daigo cry
SO, IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE AT A VIGIL
PAPA AND MAMA WILL COME BACK SOON
DID THEY CHANGE THEIR NUMBER?

...YES
YOUR MOTHER DOESN'T HAVE A CELL PHONE EITHER, RIGHT?
STOP SMOKING, SWEETHEART
I CAN'T SEEM TO REACH HIM ON HIS CELL PHONE...
WELL
IN ANY CASE,
SO YOU TWO SHOULDN'T WORRY TOO MUCH ABOUT THIS
BUT YOUR AUNT WILL STAY HERE,
YOUR UNCLE WILL COME BACK AGAIN TOMORROW ONE MORE TIME,
I STILL CAN'T GET AHOLD OF WHAT'S HAPPENING ALL OF A SUDDEN

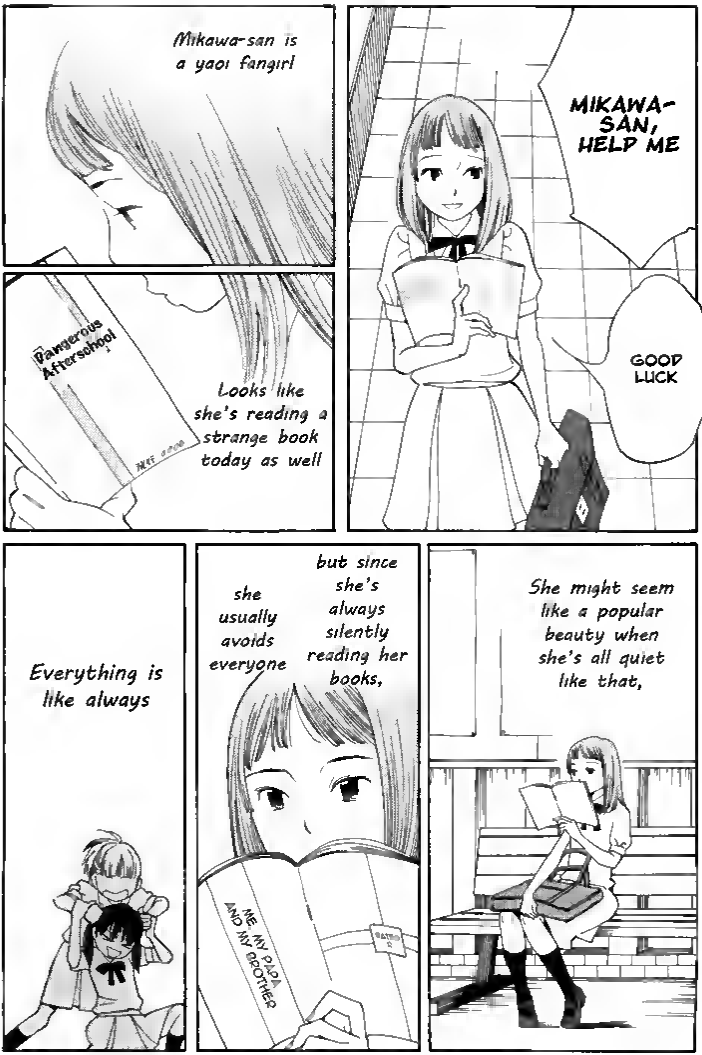
ESPECIALLY DAIGO
I'LL GO HEAT UP THE BATH
HE SAID THAT HE WOULD BE BACK TOMOR-ROW
JEEZ

In short, that went like this
...YOU'RE SO MEAN...
The mysterious Kumanoi-san suddenly cried.
More important than that, when did she become my underclass-man?

AH...
S...
SORRY
HEY, ERI-CHIN
IT WAS JUST
AH
DID YOU MAKE THAT POOR GIRL CRY?
Ookubo-chan
WHAT FOR?

That Ookubo-chan, with whom I'm not friends with now...
SORRY...
EXCUSE ME
LOOKS LIKE SHE'S REALLY MAD
WOW, YOU CAN MAKE PEOPLE MAD WITHOUT KNOWING HOW~~~
WHAT HAPPENED?
WELL...
I HAVE NO IDEA
LOOKS LIKE IS MAHHA-KUN IS COMING TODAY AFTER ALL
HUH

Ookubo-chan
ERI-CHIN, WANNA COME WITH?
How long has it been since we were this close?
TO THE BATTING CENTER!
I JUST TOLD YOU YESTERDAY, DIDN'T IT?
TO WHERE?
AH
MIKAWA-SAN
ERI-CHIN, GOOD MORNING~
AHHH
OWW OWWW
AHAHA


Mikawa-san is a yaoi fangirl
Dangerous Afterschool
Looks like she's reading a strange book today as well
MIKAWA-SAN, HELP ME
GOOD LUCK
Everything is like always
she usually avoids everyone
but since she's always silently reading her books,
ME, MY PAPA AND MY BROTHER
She might seem like a popular beauty when she's all quiet like that,

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"MAE-HASHI'S PANTIES ARE SOOOO VISIBLE"

YOU'RE RIGHT
"THAT LOOKS LIKE WHAT OLD WOMEN WEAR"
.....
8倍
I wonder if this counts as bullying too

EH---
YOU AREN'T COMING?
AH, I TOLD YOU, THAT'S NOT IT
IT'S JUST THAT BOTH OF MY PARENTS ARE OUT OF TOWN
...AH
IS IT ABOUT THAT GIRL WHO WAS CRYING THIS MORNING...?
UMM U-
I'M REALLY SORRY
WHY?
MAHHA-KUN IS COMING TOO!

SHIMA-CHAN, DO YOUR BEST AT YOUR CLUB~
ER!-CHIN
YOU DUMMY~~~
YOU BOOB~~~
OUW
WAHAHAH
YOU FOOL
SORRY!
I'LL MAKE THIS UP TO YOU!!
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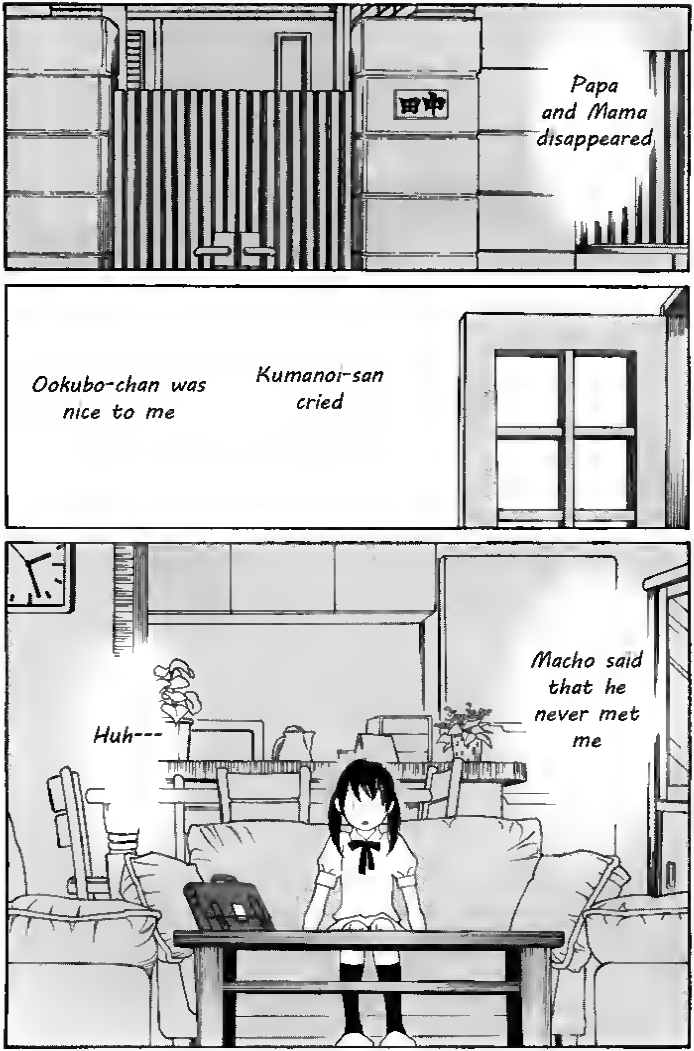
KUMANOI-SAN?
AH
THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE

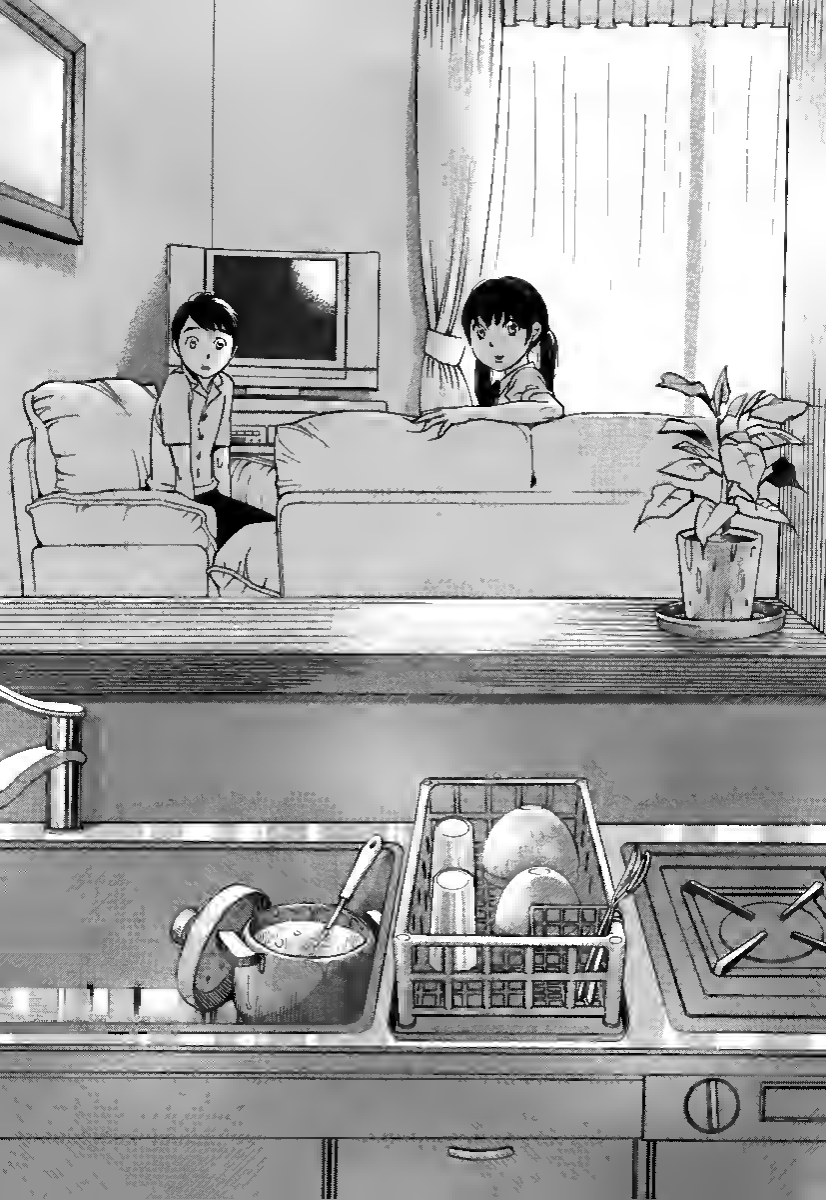
WELL, ISN'T THAT TANAKA?
OH---... MACHO
YOU HAVE SCHOOL ON SATURDAY TOO?
WELL, YEA
MUST BE TOUGH FOR YOU

IT'S BEEN A WHILE, HUH
UMMM--- NO WAY
DIDN'T WE JUST MEET YESTERDAY?
UH--- REALLY?
HMMM
I DON'T THINK WE MET YESTERDAY AFTER ALL
DIDN'T IT RAIN LIKE CRAZY YESTERDAY?
I STAYED AT HOME THE WHOLE DAY
UMMM, TANAKA?


Papa and Mama disappeared
Ookubo-chan was nice to me
Kumanoi-san cried
Huh---
Macho said that he never met me

MAMA
THANK GOODNESS, MAMA
EVEN THOUGH THEY TOLD US THAT THEY WERE HOME... GOOD GRIEF
MAYBE THEY'RE IN THE BATHROOM?
WEL-COME HOME
...HUH?

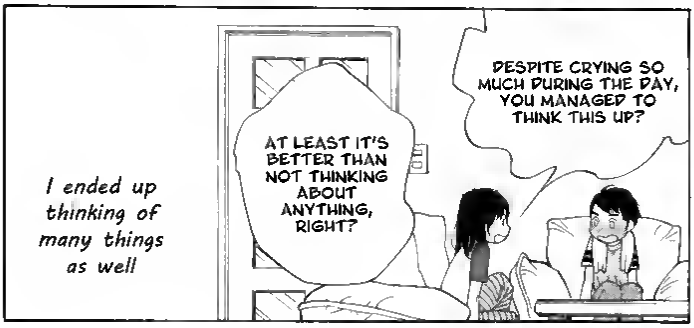
MAMA SOUNDED FINE WHEN I CALLED HOME FROM THE TRAIN STATION
JEEZ~~~ I WAS SCARED FOR A BIT THERE
"CALLED HOME"... JUST NOW?
YEA
"JUST NOW"...
LIKE, NOW?
YEP
SHE TOLD ME THAT SHE WAS REHEATING THE STEW
SO I SHOULD COME HOME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE



DON'T STAY UP TOO LATE
OKAYYY
A→B→A
THIS...
IN SHORT, WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
SO?

"B" IS THE PLACE WHERE WE SAW THE SEA YESTERDAY
"A" IS THE PLACE WHERE OUR HOME IS AT
ABA?
NO
UMM... WHAT
I SHOULD SAY "WORLD" INSTEAD "PLACE"...
A→B→A
YOU DOUBTED ME, THOUGH...
I THINK THAT WE WANDERED FROM "A" TO "B" YESTERDAY
WORLD?
BECAUSE KUMANOI-SAN IS STILL ALIVE AFTER ALL

THAT CAN'T BE...
A
THEN WE CAME BACK TO A, OR SO WE THOUGHT
BUT MAYBE THIS ISN'T "A", BUT "A PRIME", WHICH IS A LOT LIKE "A"


I ended up thinking of many things as well
AT LEAST IT'S BETTER THAN NOT THINKING ABOUT ANYTHING, RIGHT?
DESPITE CRYING SO MUCH DURING THE DAY, YOU MANAGED TO THINK THIS UP?

because of what Macho does for us

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ピンポーン
ピンポーン
...HELLO
Ah
Ummm
My name is Matsumoto, and I went to Takayon Elementary School together with Eriko...

5. Parallel
Macho!?
田中
AH, TANAKA?
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THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT
I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER WHEN I DROPPED THIS
19.9.30
Sunniken
I WAS THINKING OF GIVING THIS BACK TO YOU YESTERDAY,
BUT YOU SEEMED KINDA MAD AT THE TIME
...HUH
REALLY?
YEP
THEN, I'M SORRY
NO, YOU DON'T HAVE TO APOLOGIZE OR ANYTHING

BUT I'M SURE THAT I PUT IT IN MY BAG...
THAT'S WHAT I'VE ALWAYS DONE
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A—B—A'

IT'S NOTHING. I WAS JUST ON MY WAY TO THE CONVENIENCE STORE
AH
THEN I'M GOING HOME
THANKS
MACHO, DID YOU GET FATTER?
HUUUUUUH!?
SORRY...
MY BAD
YOU'RE SO RUDE, YOU KNOW

YOU WERE SAYING THAT WE MET TWO DAYS AGO, RIGHT?
DID WE REALLY MEET?
WE MET, AND WE EVEN TALKED
ARE YOU SURE THAT IT WASN'T JUST A LOOK-ALIKE?
I SAID THAT WE EVEN TALKED
IN THE EVE-NING
IN FRONT OF THE KUSAKABE HOUSE TOO

I DIDN'T GO OUT INTO THE RAIN...
YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME, HUH
THAT'S BECAUSE IT'S THE ONLY ONE WE HAVE
WHICH BELONGS TO YOUR MOM
YOU WERE RIDING THAT BIKE
A LOT HAS HAPPENED TO ME TOO
I'M THINKING, "SHE'S A STRANGE ONE ALRIGHT"
...A LOT
"A LOT"?

GIAN
12:04

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THANKS AGAIN
OH
WELL, SEE YA

YEA...
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WHAT, YOU THOUGHT THAT PAPA AND MAMA CAME HOME?
IS HE YOUR BOY-FRIEND?
HUH!?
STOP THAT~~~

DAIGO, GO WIPE THE TABLE~~
AND POUR SOME BARLEY TEA~~~
OHH~~~
FUUU FUUUUU~~
SHE SAID THAT SHE WOULD DROP BY THIS EVENING TO SEE HOW WE WERE DOING~~~
THAT WAS A LONG TIME AGO~~~ YOU WOULDN'T WAKE UP
DID AUNTIE GO BACK HOME?
HUH?
ANY-WAYS, ABOUT THE PHONE
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WE SHOULD TRY THINKING ABOUT WHY WE CAN CALL MAMA ON THE PHONE
THINK ABOUT?

IT WON'T EVEN RING
IT'S NO USE
THE CONVERSATION WAS ALL ONE-SIDED, RIGHT?
ARE YOU SURE THAT YOU DIDN'T CALL SOME STRANGER BY MISTAKE AFTER ALL?
EH---
ARE WE REALLY GOING TO GO THAT FAR BACK IN THE STORY?
24 MART
DIDN'T YOU TALK TO MAMA OVER THE PHONE, SIS?
HMPH
LIKE, "IT'S ME, I'M COMING HOME RIGHT NOW"
AND, "OH, REALLY? COME HOME QUICKLY---"
THERE'S NO WAY THAT I CAN MISTAKE THAT, RIGHT?

JUST AS I THOUGHT, YOUR TELEPHONE THEORY WAS WRONG
LET'S GO HOME
YOU HAVE DISHES WAITING TO BE WASHED
ANYTHING LEFT TO SAY?
I WON AT ROCK-PAPER-SCISSORS
BUT YOU DIDN'T FULFILL YOUR SIDE OF THE DEAL
I CAME WITH YOU TO MAKE A PHONE CALL, RIGHT?
...MAYBE IT'S THE WRONG PHONE
HEY, HOLD IT

SIS
HERE IT IS
OVER HERE
AH... IT'S SO HOT
...KEEP THE DOOR OPEN
YEA
HOT

THEN, HOW ABOUT THIS ONE...
THE CALL ENDED WITH-OUT EVEN ONE RING
NOPE
ARE WE GOING TO TRY EVERY SINGLE ONE?
FOR THE TIME BEING, WE HAVE NO CHOICE
EH---
RECENTLY, IT SEEMS THAT WE ALWAYS END UP WITH JUST OUR TELECARDS
YEA
GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO USE MY TELECARD
AH
I'M OUT OF TEN-YEN COINS

Hello
AHeee
THIS IS ERIKO
UMMM ERRR
No one is at home right now
DAIGO IS WITH ME
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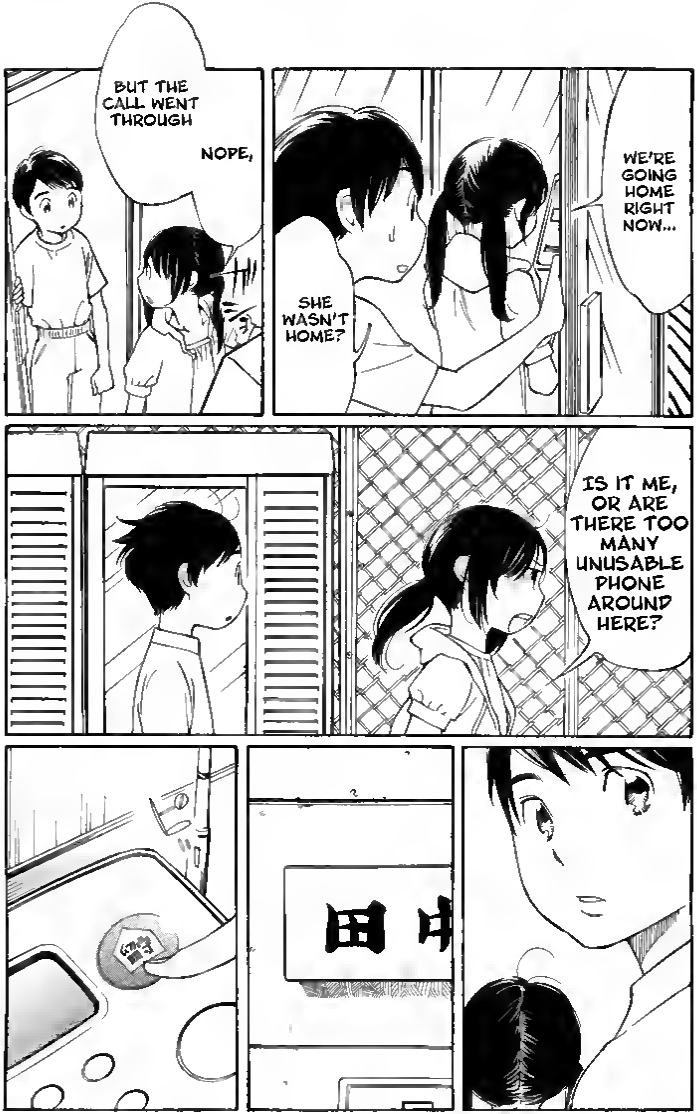
RIGHT NOW, I'M, ERRR, NEAR THE TENNIS COURTS


BUT THE CALL WENT THROUGH
NOPE,
SHE WASN'T HOME?
WE'RE GOING HOME RIGHT NOW...
IS IT ME, OR ARE THERE TOO MANY UNUSABLE PHONE AROUND HERE?
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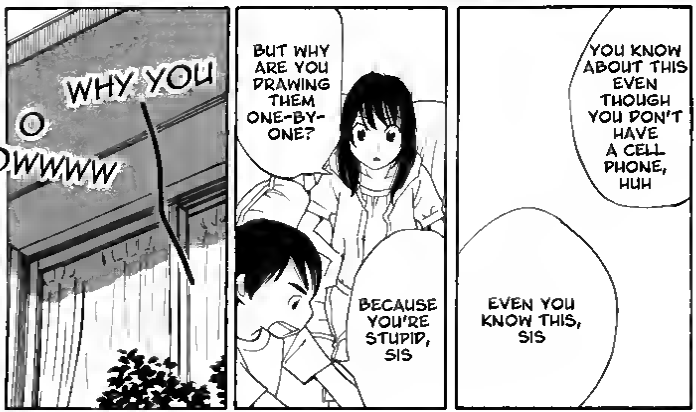
Daigo is with me
We're going home right now...
WELL
THIS MEANS THAT OUR PHONE IS WORKING
COME ON, GO WASH THE DISHES NOW
MAYBE WE WERE AT THE WRONG PLACE
EH---
...DO YOU REALLY HATE WASHING DISHES THAT MUCH?
I'LL WASH THEM
LET'S GO AFTER I'VE WASHED THE DISHES
LET'S GO... AGAIN

WHAT COME ON NO WAY---
MAYBE A PHONE IN ONE PLACE
CAN CALL MAMA WHILE A PHONE ELSEWHERE CAN'T

IT'S LIKE THREE BARS OF RECEPTION?


WHY YOU
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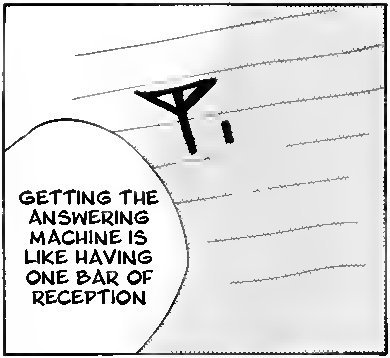
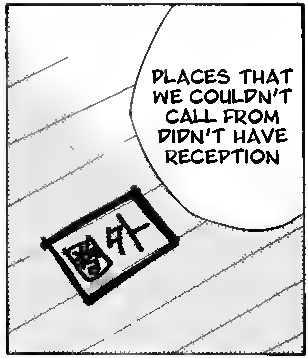
OWWWW
BUT WHY ARE YOU DRAWING THEM ONE-BY-ONE?
BECAUSE YOU'RE STUPID, SIS
YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS EVEN THOUGH YOU DON'T HAVE A CELL PHONE, HUH
EVEN YOU KNOW THIS, SIS


GETTING THE ANSWERING MACHINE IS LIKE HAVING ONE BAR OF RECEPTION


PLACES THAT WE COULDN'T CALL FROM DIDN'T HAVE RECEPTION
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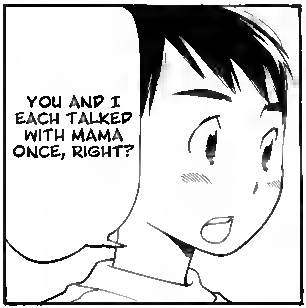
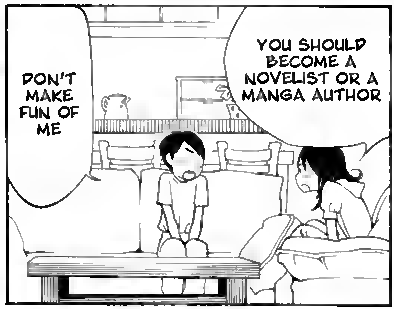
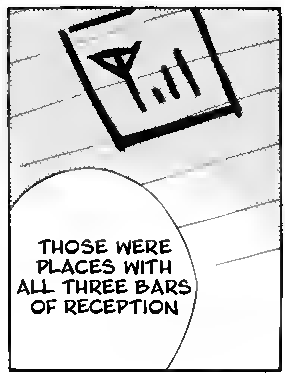
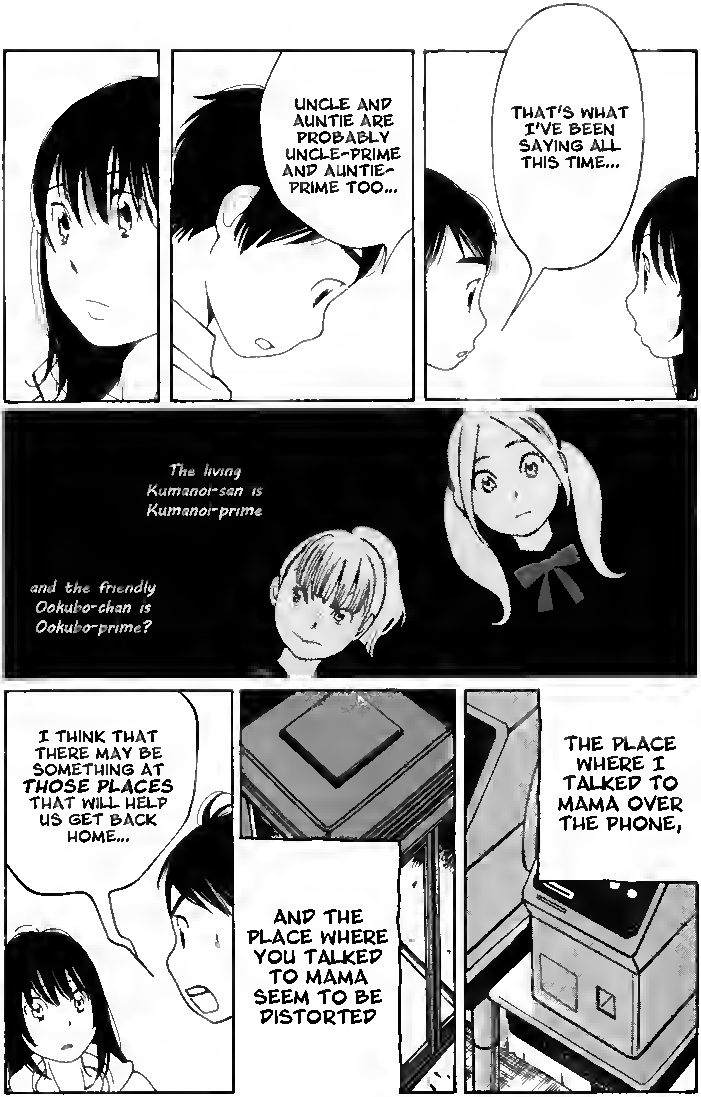

YOU AND I EACH TALKED WITH MAMA ONCE, RIGHT?

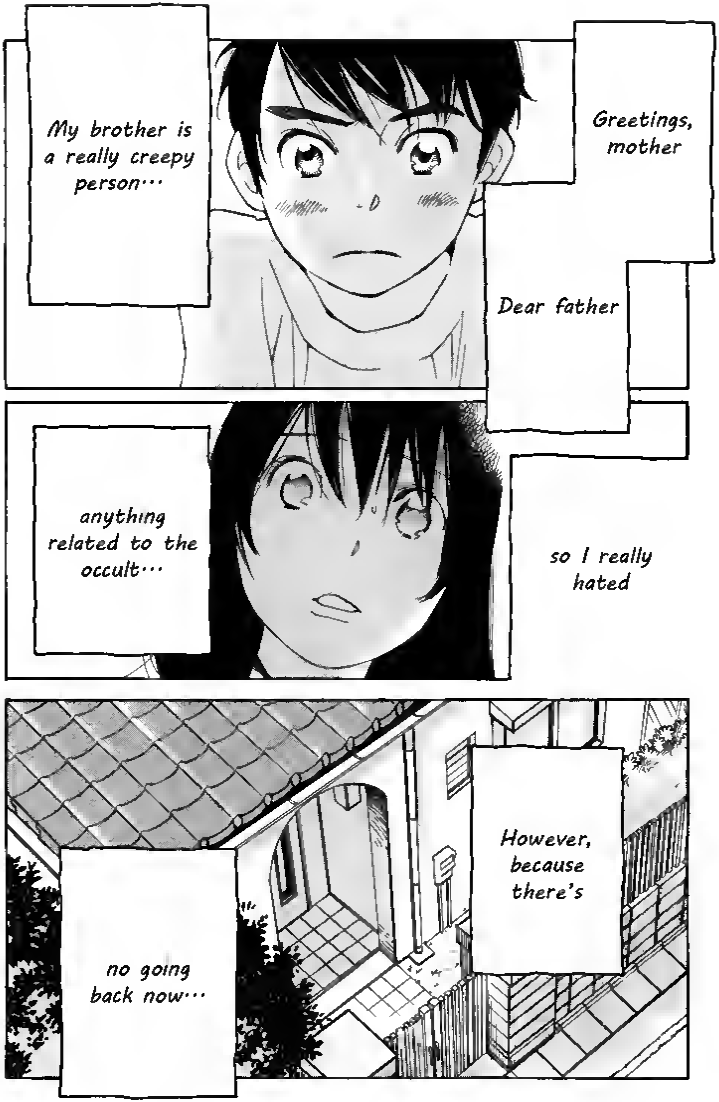

DON'T MAKE FUN OF ME
YOU SHOULD BECOME A NOVELIST OR A MANGA AUTHOR

YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME, HUH
HMMM


THOSE WERE PLACES WITH ALL THREE BARS OF RECEPTION

...
WHAT?
NOTHING
I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT MACHO
IF THE "A-PRIME" WORLD THAT YOU TALKED ABOUT REALLY EXISTS,
MAYBE THERE'S ALSO A MACHO-PRIME
I SAID THAT HE'S NOT MY BOYFRIEND, YOU~~~
...AH, YOUR BOYFRIEND WHO CAME HERE TODAY?


UNCLE AND AUNTIE ARE PROBABLY UNCLE-PRIME AND AUNTIE-PRIME TOO...
THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN SAYING ALL THIS TIME...
The living Kumanor-san is Kumanor-prime
and the friendly Ookubo-chan is Ookubo-prime?
I THINK THAT THERE MAY BE SOMETHING AT THOSE PLACES THAT WILL HELP US GET BACK HOME...
AND THE PLACE WHERE YOU TALKED TO MAMA SEEM TO BE DISTORTED
THE PLACE WHERE I TALKED TO MAMA OVER THE PHONE,


My brother is a really creepy person···
Greetings, mother
Dear father
anything related to the occult···
so I really hated
However, because there's
no going back now···

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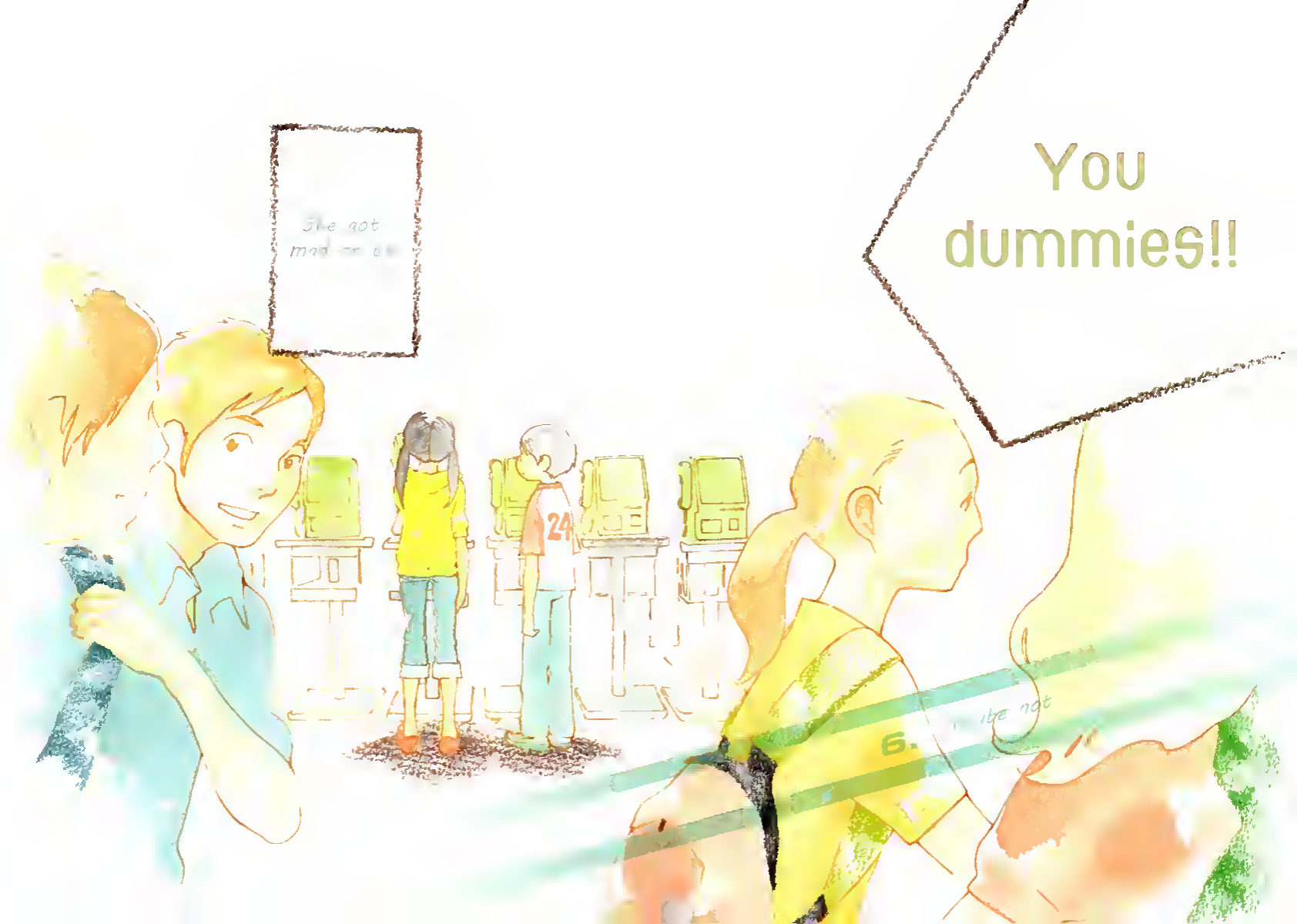
МАМА?
МАМА?


She got mad at us
You dummies!!
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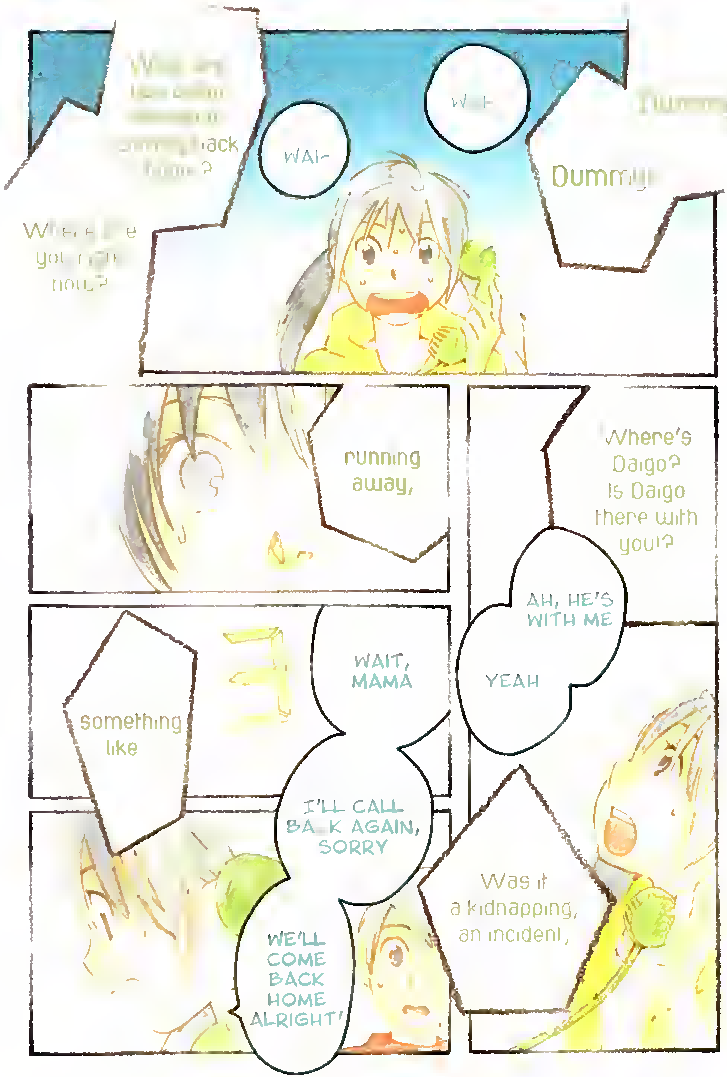
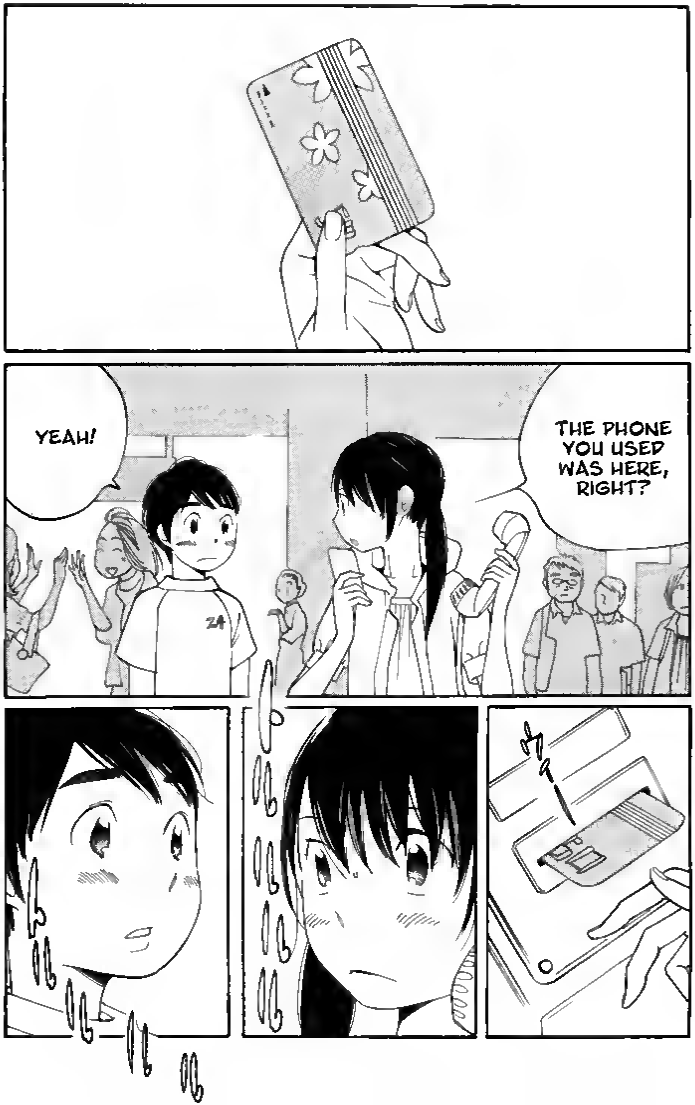

Wai-
Wait
Dummy!
Dummy!
Where's Daigo? Is Daigo there with you?
AH, HE'S WITH ME
YEAH
Was it a kidnapping, an incident,
running away,
something like
WAIT, MAMA
I'LL CALL BACK AGAIN, SORRY
WE'LL COME BACK HOME ALRIGHT!


YEAH!
THE PHONE YOU USED WAS HERE, RIGHT?

No one is at home right now---
No one is at home
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "THERE MAY BE SOMETHING THAT WILL HELP US GET BACK HOME"
YOU IDIOT

I WAS A FOOL FOR BELIEVING IN YOUR SCIENCE FICTION FOR EVEN JUST ONE SECOND!
YOU WON'T KNOW UNLESS YOU GIVE IT ANOTHER SHOT!
THERE WAS ONLY ONE OUT-OF-ORDER PHONE AT THE STATION, RIGHT? MAYBE THAT'S IT
WHY YOU~~
DON'T TELL ME THAT YOU WANT TO GO BACK TO THE STATION YET AGAIN!?
TA-NAKA
YOU'RE SUPER LOUD, YA KNOW
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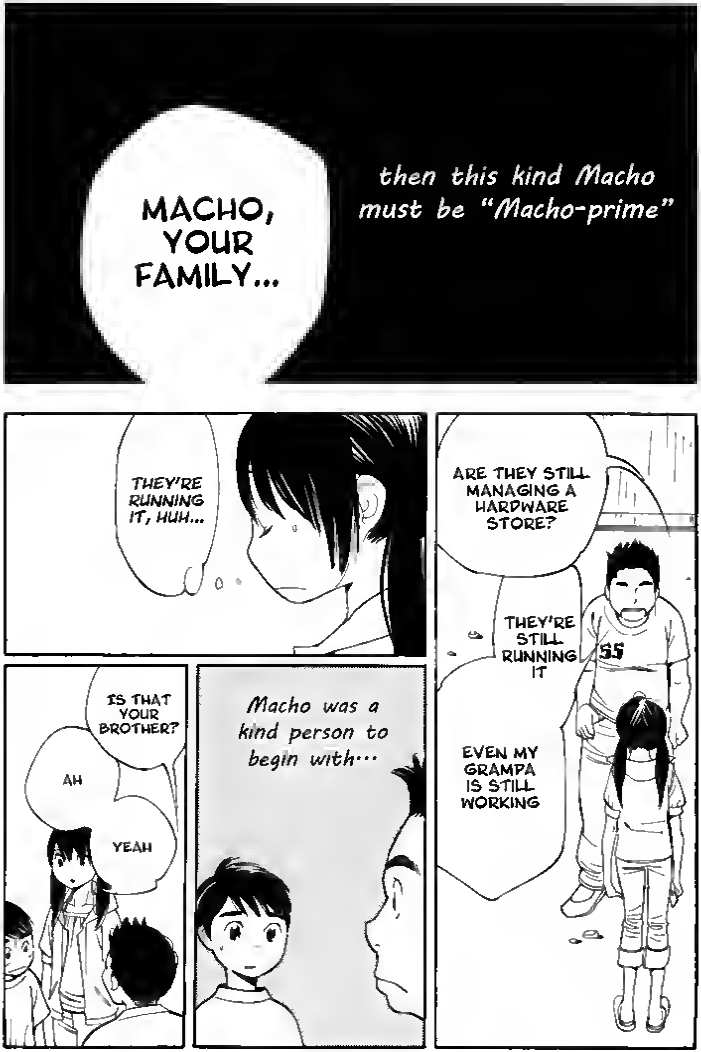
...MACHO
WHAT, DID YOU FORGET ALREADY?
THE MACHO... THAT CAME TO MY HOUSE TODAY?
?
If Daigo's "prime" world theory is true,
The Macho that came to my house today in order to give me the monthly pass that I dropped
ARE YOU ALRIGHT? DON'T TELL ME THAT YOU LOST YOUR PASS AGAIN


MACHO, YOUR FAMILY...
then this kind Macho must be "Macho-prime"
THEY'RE RUNNING IT, HUH...
ARE THEY STILL MANAGING A HARDWARE STORE?
THEY'RE STILL RUNNING IT
EVEN MY GRAMPA IS STILL WORKING
Macho was a kind person to begin with...
IS THAT YOUR BROTHER?
AH
YEAH

NO WAY! YOUR GRAMPA DIED!!
NICE TO MEETCHA
SA-SAME
WHO?
YOUR GRAMPA, MACHO!
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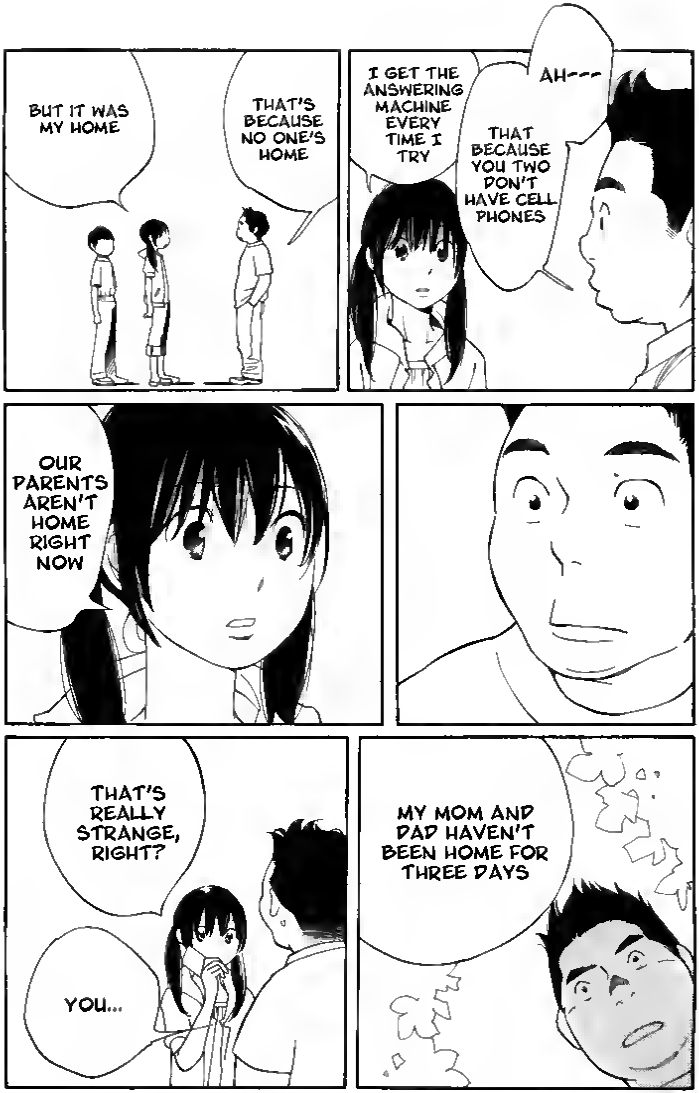
WE WERE JUST USING THE PHONE
DON'T JUST WRITE OFF SOMEONE ELSE'S GRAMPA AS DEAD
I WENT TO THE FUNERAL WITH MAMA
YOU BIRD-BRAIN
HE'S STILL ALIVE AND KICKING


BUT IT WAS MY HOME
THAT'S BECAUSE NO ONE'S HOME
I GET THE ANSWERING MACHINE EVERY TIME I TRY
AH---
THAT BECAUSE YOU TWO DON'T HAVE CELL PHONES
OUR PARENTS AREN'T HOME RIGHT NOW
THAT'S REALLY STRANGE, RIGHT?
YOU...
MY MOM AND DAD HAVEN'T BEEN HOME FOR THREE DAYS

NEED TO GO TO THE POLICE FOR THAT...
田中
"DON'T LIKE THE POLICE"... ARE YOU TWO WANTED OR SOMETHING?
BUT ISN'T THIS STRANGE?
WELL, IT'S STRANGE THAT YOUR MOM AND DAD AREN'T HERE

TO WHO?
THANKS
I TOLD YOU, IT WAS MY MOM
Y-
YEAH
BUT THE CALL WENT THROUGH YESTERDAY
RIGHT
AHHHH, BUT I FEEL MORE RELAXED AFTER TALKING ABOUT IT
YOU'RE STRANGE
ISN'T IT STRA-NGE?

I DON'T THINK THAT YOU'RE CRAZY, BUT...
YOU'RE THINKING THAT I'VE GONE INSANE, HUH
I DON'T CARE
IS THAT ALL TRUE?
WHAT IS THIS? SHOULD I LAUGH?
IT SEEMS THAT WE TWO HAVE REALLY GONE INSANE JUST THINKING OVER THIS

IF YOU REALLY WANT TO US TO CALL, THEN YOU CAN DO IT FOR US
DON'T YOU THINK THAT YOU SHOULD CONTACT THE POLICE?
AH
YES, EXCUSE ME
YES
55
SORRY, EXCUSE ME FOR COMING IN
OH, DON'T MIND US
OH! ARE YOU A FRIEND?
THE PEOPLE WHO CONTACTED THE POLICE ARE COMING

SIS, WHY DID YOU TELL HIM
HEY, DON'T COME IN
THAT "MACHO" GUY...
IT'S ALRIGHT, HE WON'T BELIEVE US ANYWAYS
YOU BELIEVED WHAT I SAID, RIGHT?
ABOUT "PRIME" ...
I'M CLEANING UP MY ROOM, SO SHUT THE DOOR

TH-THIS ROOM IS "ROOM-PRIME", YOU KNOW
IF YOU DON'T CLOSE THAT DOOR IN 5 SECONDS, YOU'LL GET HIT BY A COLLECTION OF THE BEST PIECES OF LITERATURE FROM AROUND THE GLOBE
SO THIS BOOK WAS BOUGHT BY "ME-PRIME", HUH
バタン!!
EVEN IF I BOUGHT THIS, I WOULD NEVER UNDERSTAND ANY OF IT, HUH
MAMA BOUGHT THIS
NO WAY, THAT CAN'T BE

CAN ONLY BE MINE
THIS CHAOTIC ROOM
Eri-chan, clean up your room!
'Kay~
BUT IT'S NOT ANYTHING LIKE THAT
THERE'S NOTHING PARTICULARLY EMBARRASSING WRITTEN IN HERE
Wh-Wh-Wh-What were you thinking, you dummy---
Don't read these
WA—H
It's impolite to leave your friends' letters like this, right?

Dear Eri-chin,

This is Mikawa. How were the representative pieces of literature that I've sent you? Was the hurdle set too high? If I find another good piece, I'll write again.

Eri-chin, should I buy those panties after all? How are you, Eri-chin?

Error in ch 4- Eriko's friends call her "Eri-chin", not "Eri-chan"

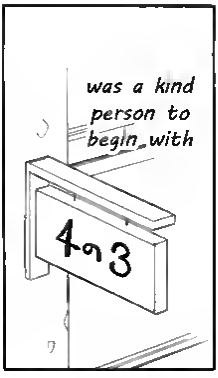
I'm so happy that we could fix our friendship.

From your friend, Ookubo-chan

Thank you for telling me your true feelings.

ERI-CHAN, YOU HAVE A CALL FROM A "MATSUMOTO-KUN"
HELLO
Ah
Ummmm, this is about what we talked about earlier
WHY ARE YOU SO POLITE ALL OF A SUDDEN?
I believe in you after all
because we're friends
Even if it's a lie, I'll believe in it

HEY, ARE YOU TWO GOING TO COME TO THE BIRTHDAY PARTY?
YOURS?


was a kind person to begin with
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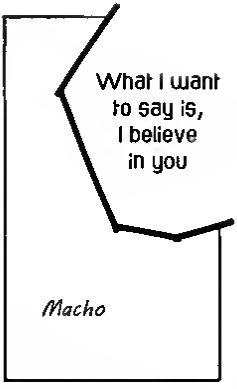
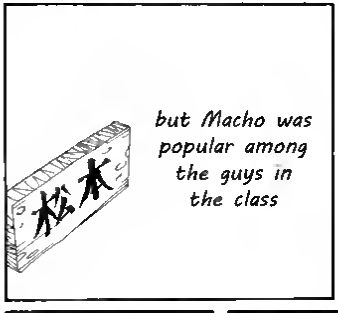

What I want to say is, I believe in you
Macho


but Macho was popular among the guys in the class
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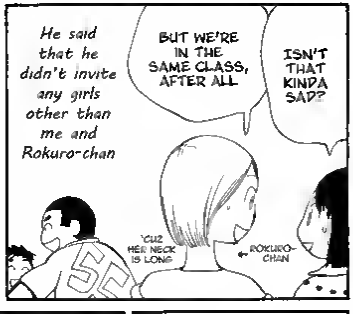
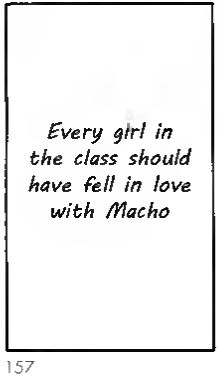
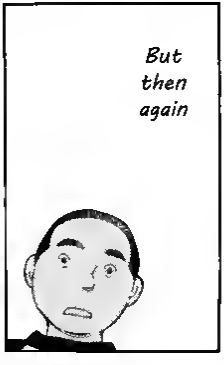
Matsumoto


He said that he didn't invite any girls other than me and Rokuro-chan
BUT WE'RE IN THE SAME CLASS, AFTER ALL
ISN'T THAT KINDA SAD?
'CUZ HER NECK IS LONG
ROKURO-CHAN
Rokuro-kubi is a kind of youkai with a long neck

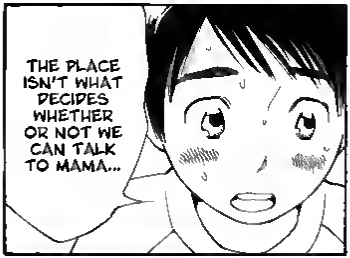

Every girl in the class should have fell in love with Macho

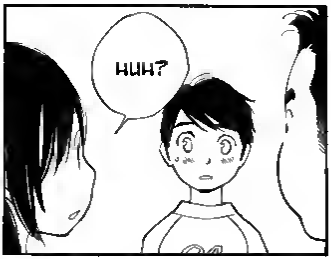
Macho was the one who said that
ISN'T "ROKURO" A HORRIBLE NICKNAME?


But then again

SHE'S CUTE, SO IT'S ALRIGHT, RIGHT?
WOULD YOU GO OUT WITH KUMANOI-SAN?
THEN YOU SHOULD JUST GO OUT WITH HIM
WELL, SHE DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE THE SAME FEELINGS ABOUT YOU, THOUGH
LOOK AT THESE

WHAT'RE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THOSE? ARE YOU GOING TO SELL THEM?
A WHILE BACK, THE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MADE A TON OF THESE, SO WE GOT A BUNCH OF LEFTOVERS
THIS DOESN'T WORK EITHER!
AHH... THANKS
I ONLY CALL ONCE IN A WHILE, SO I'LL GIVE THESE TO YOU
I SAID ...
CAN'T YOU MAKE CALLS WITH THEM?
AREN'T THESE JUST PREPAID CARDS OR SOMETHING!?
WAIT A MINUTE
ARE THESE REALLY PHONE CARDS?





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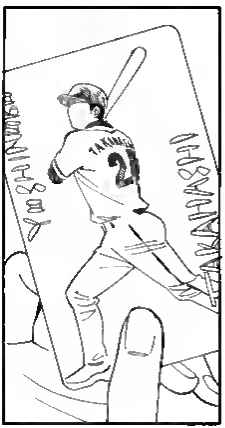
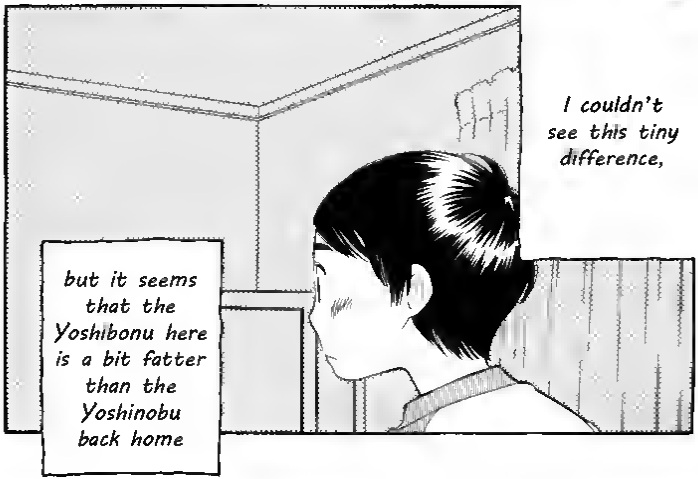


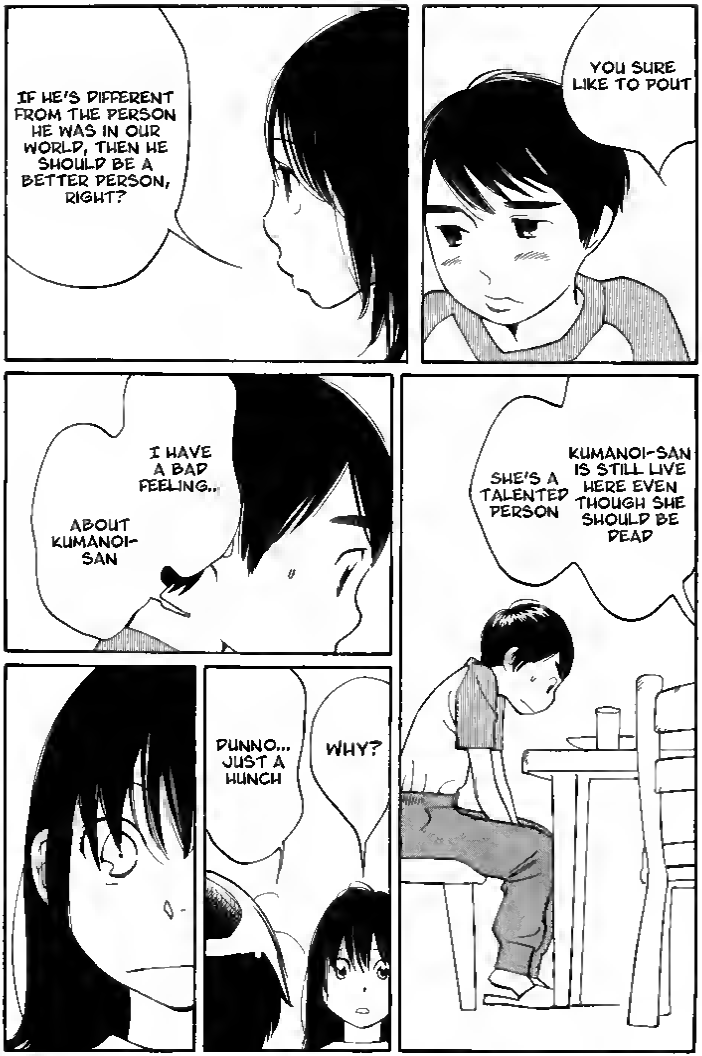
JUST AS I THOUGHT, HE IS A BIT FATTER...!


I couldn't see this tiny difference,
but it seems that the Yoshibonu here is a bit fatter than the Yoshinobu back home

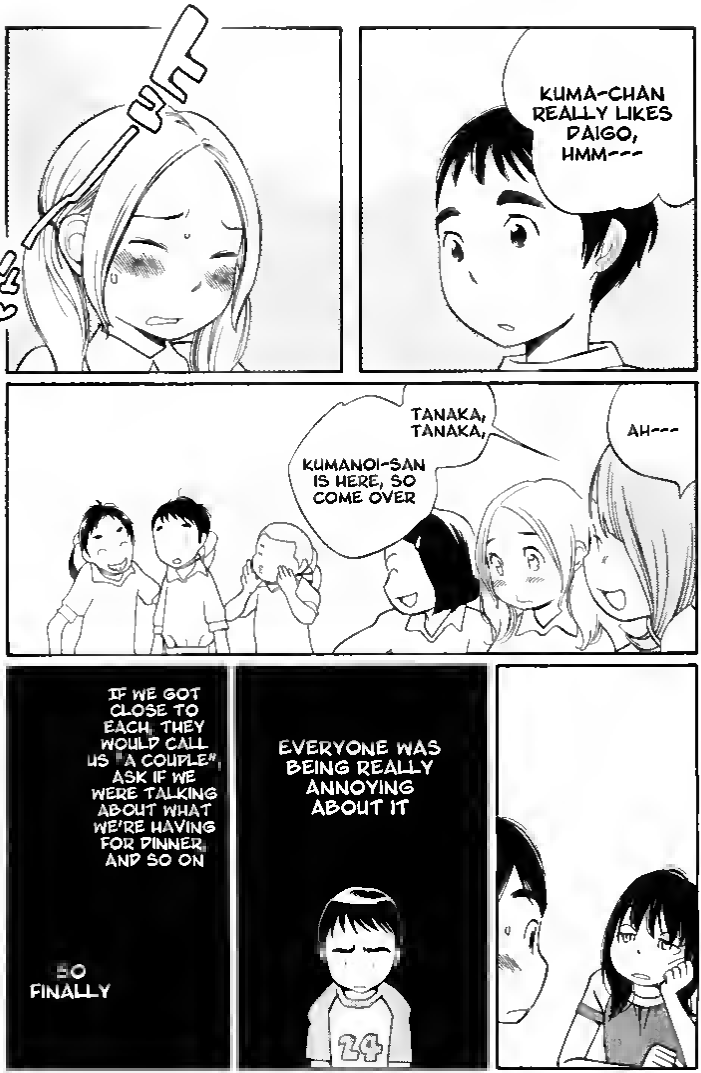
7. World without someone

LIKE GOING TO MEET YOSHINOBU TAKAHASHI...
HUH?
YOU JUST WANT TO GO MEET HIM, DON'T YOU?
YOU WANT TO GO AND TELL HIM "YOU'RE KINDA DIFFERENT THAN THE YOSHINOBU I KNOW"
OR SOME-THING LIKE THAT
IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?
WE'LL GET THROWN OUT BEFORE WE EVEN GET TO YOSHINOBU...
THAT'S NOT IT
IT'S 'CUZ YOSHINOBU'S TELECARD CONNECTED WITH OUR WORLD
THERE HAS TO BE MORE TO THIS

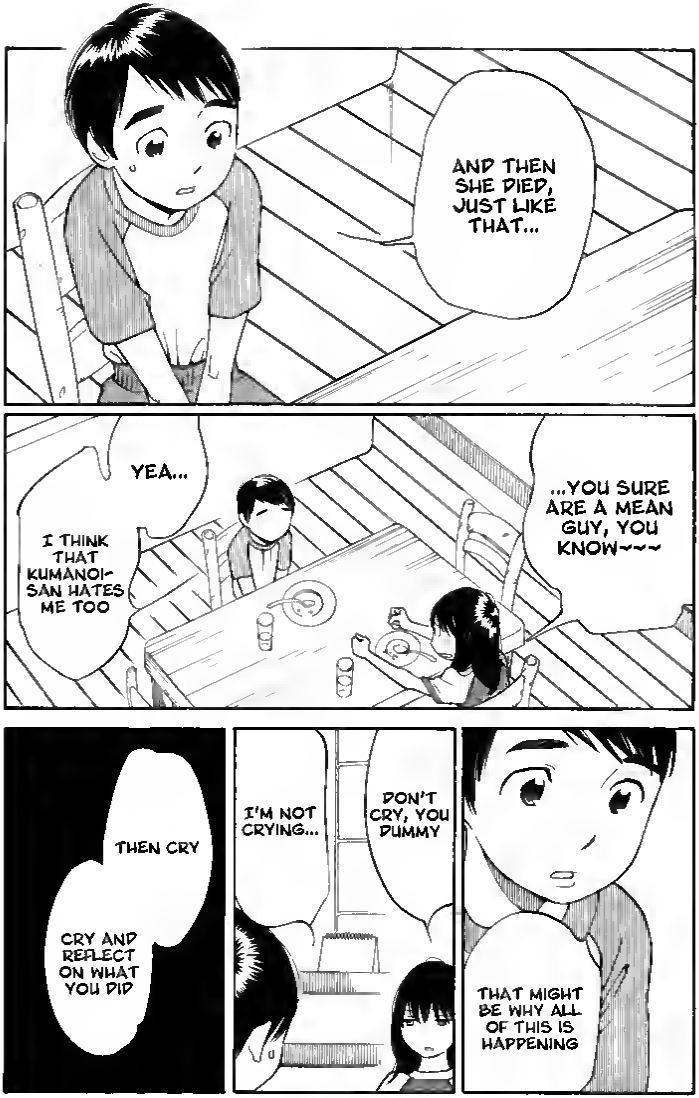
IT FEELS LIKE
THERE'S A MEANING TO THIS
YOUR "THERE HAS TO BE MORE TO THIS" ISN'T VERY TRUSTWORTHY
UMM
HOW ARE YOU GONNA MEET YOSHINOBU, ANYWAYS?
...FINE, FORGET ABOUT THIS
NO, I TOLD YOU
SO YOU REALLY JUST WANTED TO GO SEE THE GIANTS PLAY!
HUH!?
THERE'S A GAME TOMORROW AT THE DOME


IF HE'S DIFFERENT FROM THE PERSON HE WAS IN OUR WORLD, THEN HE SHOULD BE A BETTER PERSON, RIGHT?
YOU SURE LIKE TO POUT
I HAVE A BAD FEELING..
ABOUT KUMANOI-SAN
SHE'S A TALENTED PERSON
KUMANOI-SAN IS STILL LIVE HERE EVEN THOUGH SHE SHOULD BE DEAD
WHY?
DUNNO... JUST A HUNCH

SOMETHING REALLY DID HAPPEN BETWEEN YOU TWO, HUH
...NOTHING AT ALL
What a predictable guy
It happened right after Daigo got into fifth grade
HEY--- KUMA-CHAN!
AH--- YOU WERE LOOKING AT DAIGO AGAIN, KUMA-CHAN


KUMA-CHAN REALLY LIKES DAIGO, HMM---
TANAKA, TANAKA,
KUMANOI-SAN IS HERE, SO COME OVER
AH---
IF WE GOT CLOSE TO EACH, THEY WOULD CALL US "A COUPLE", ASK IF WE WERE TALKING ABOUT WHAT WE'RE HAVING FOR DINNER, AND SO ON
SO FINALLY
EVERYONE WAS BEING REALLY ANNOYING ABOUT IT
24

A GIRL'S WORST ENEMY
"I DON'T LIKE KUMANOI-SAN AT ALL"
RIGHT AFTER THAT, KUMANOI-SAN WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL...
EVEN WHEN I WAS ASKED BY SOMEONE ELSE TO GO VISIT HER,
I COULDN'T GO BECAUSE I WAS SO BUSY WITH CRAM SCHOOL


AND THEN SHE DIED, JUST LIKE THAT...
YEA...
I THINK THAT KUMANOI-SAN HATES ME TOO
...YOU SURE ARE A MEAN GUY, YOU KNOW~~~
THEN CRY
CRY AND REFLECT ON WHAT YOU DID
I'M NOT CRYING...
DON'T CRY, YOU DUMMY
THAT MIGHT BE WHY ALL OF THIS IS HAPPENING

If that incident was what made Daigo who he was,
then I think that it must have been a serious blow
But, I don't remember any event like that for me
So in this world we must have properly fought and properly made up
Ookubo-chan said in her letter that we made up

Maybe I never experienced this because I just ran away from it
LIKE MAIN CHARACTERS IN SOME CHILDREN'S BOOK
YOU TWO ARE KINDA AMAZING
55

WELL, I'M WHAT'S CALLED A "SIMPLE PERSON"
55
REALLY?
MACHO IS MORE AMAZING. YOU'RE SUCH A NICE PERSON
GOT YOUR UMBRELLA?
GOT IT
HERE
ANYWAYS, LET'S SEE IF IT'S GOING TO REAPPEAR
THESE KIND OF PEOPLE USUALLY HELP OTHERS OUT, RIGHT?
OKAY
YOU SURE ARE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THIS, MACHO
CHECK
YOSHINOBU TELEPHONE CARD
SAME ONE
CLOTHES?

IF YOU TWO REALLY DID COME FROM ANOTHER WORLD, I WOULD FEEL BAD FOR YOU IF YOU COULDN'T GET BACK
I'M NOT REALLY ENTHUSIASTIC OR ANYTHING
SEE, MACHO IS A NICE GUY
YEA...
THAT'S WHY WE NEED TO CHECK OVER EVERY LITTLE DETAIL
WHA?
SHOW YOUR BACK!
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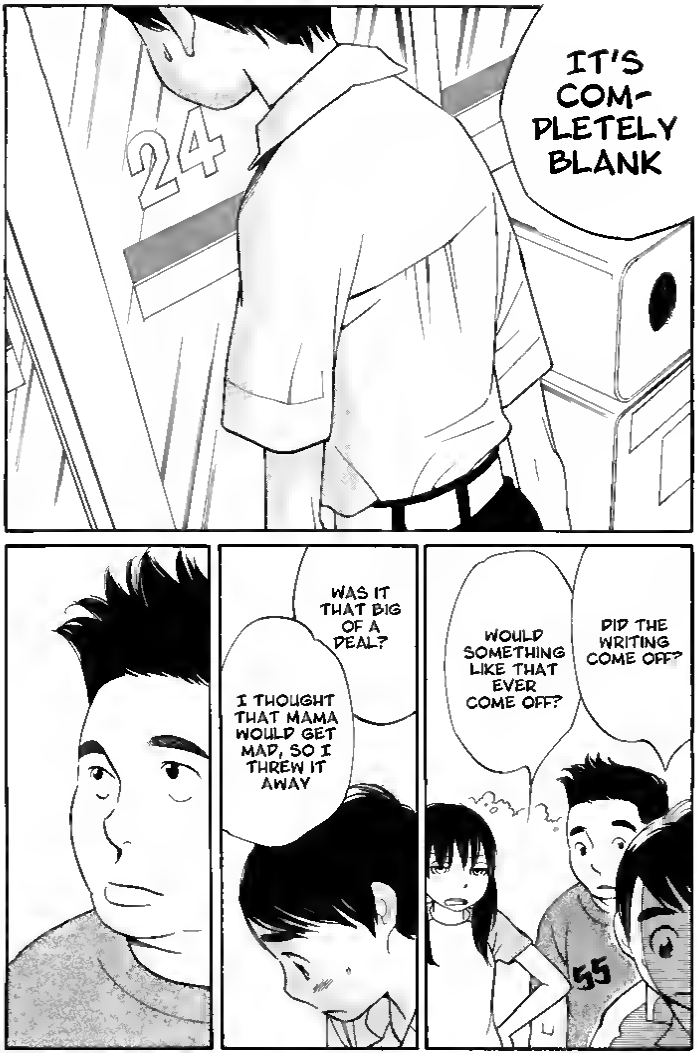
UNFORTU-NATELY, I HAVE SOME BAD NEWS FOR YOU, MACHO
HUH?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IT'S COM-PLETELY BLANK
DID THE WRITING COME OFF?
WOULD SOMETHING LIKE THAT EVER COME OFF?
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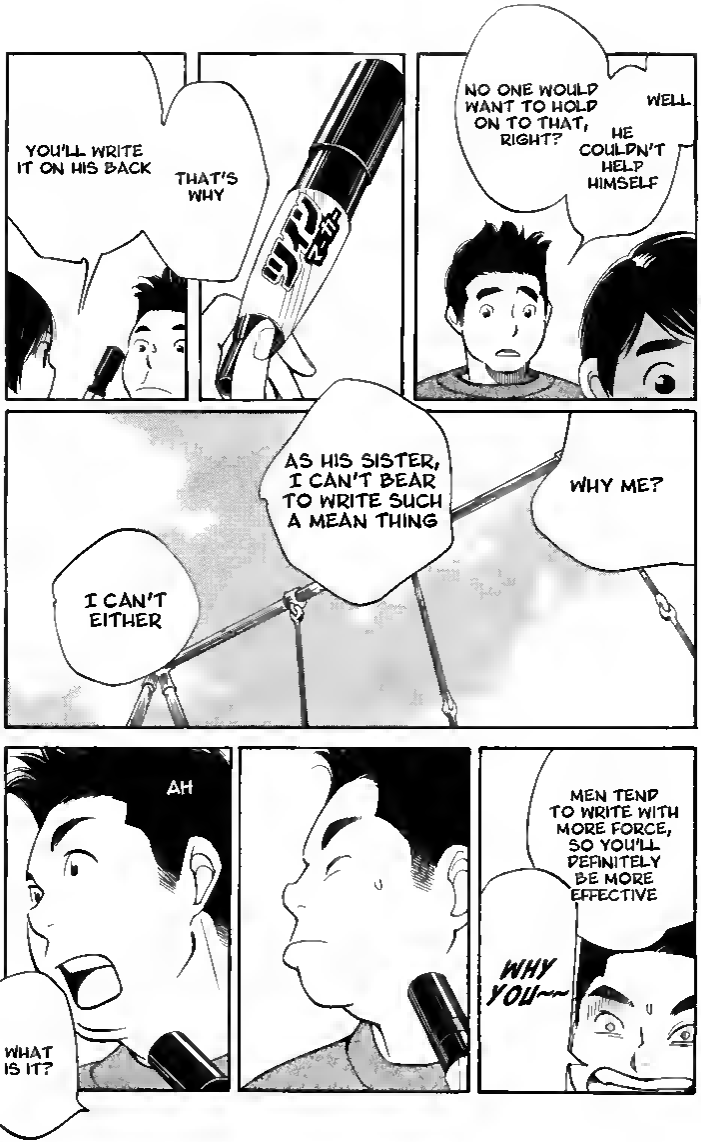
WAS IT THAT BIG OF A DEAL?
I THOUGHT THAT MAMA WOULD GET MAD, SO I THREW IT AWAY


YOU'LL WRITE IT ON HIS BACK
THAT'S WHY
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NO ONE WOULD WANT TO HOLD ON TO THAT, RIGHT?
WELL
HE COULDN'T HELP HIMSELF
AS HIS SISTER, I CAN'T BEAR TO WRITE SUCH A MEAN THING
WHY ME?
I CAN'T EITHER
AH
WHAT IS IT?
MEN TEND TO WRITE WITH MORE FORCE, SO YOU'LL DEFINITELY BE MORE EFFECTIVE
WHY YOU~~

LET'S MAKE THE ORIGINAL WRITER WRITE IT AGAIN
IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT EFFECTIVE-NESS, THEN THIS IS THE BEST CHOICE
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MART
THEN WE COULD MAKE HIM SAY SORRY
Ebidzuka
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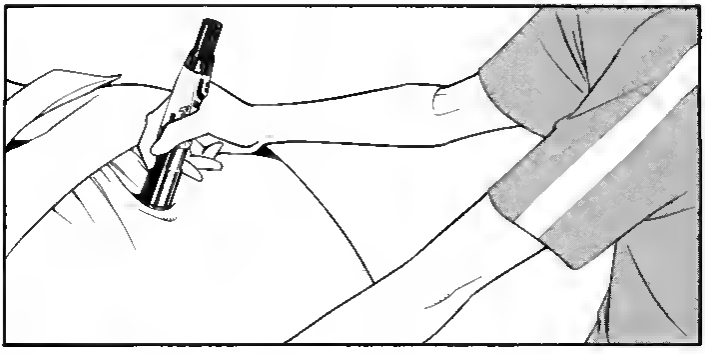
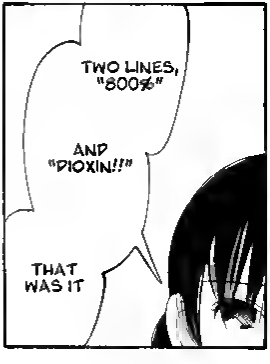


WHICH ONE?
DIOXIN!!"?
OR "800 %

"80 0%
WAS IT
DIOXIN!!"

I SEEM TO REMEMBER SOMETHING AFTER YOU SAID THAT

BECAUSE I WAS STARING AT IT FROM BEHIND FOREVER
AHﾊﾊﾊ SO THAT WAS IT


TWO LINES, "800%"
AND "DIOXIN!!"
THAT WAS IT

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…This guy has been to our house
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UMMM
COULD YOU PLEASE NOT JOKE AROUND?
AH---
SORRY
55
Mikawa-san was there as well
...I'M HOME--
WELCOME BACK---
EXCUSE ME---

So this was the guy
Mikawa-san then wrote a strange short story about them on the spot
I hit her on the head
ペシ
カリカリカリカリ
The guy who wrote this
ドイオキシン80倍!!

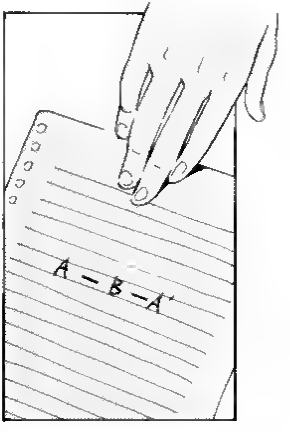
WE HAVEN'T HAD GUESTS STAY FOR TEA FOR SO LONG
ARE YOU SURE THAT IT'S URGENT?
OH MY
ARE YOU GOING ALREADY?
THEN, PLEASE APOLOGIZE NOW
APOLOGIZE TO HIM FOR WRITING "800% DIOXIN!!" ON HIS BACK
...HUH?
PLEASE APOLO-GIZE TO MY BROTHER
YOU TOLD ME TO WRI-
NOT THE ONE TODAY. APOLOGIZE FOR WRITING ON HIS BACK BEFORE

GET ON YOUR KNEES AND PROPERLY APOLOGIZE
Thank goodness
This Ebidzuka is a bad guy too
WH-WHAT'S WRONG, EVERY-ONE?
DID SOME-THING HAP-PEN?
SHE TOLD ME TO GET ON MY KNEES
HUH?
WHAT?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
HUH...
FINE, WHAT-EVER

THEN,
WHAT SHOULD I SAY NO-
...AH
HH...!
蝦塚

...WOW
REALLY
YOU WERE BEING A REALLY COOL SISTER BACK THERE
YOU WERE SO COOL
RIGHT?

I won't be satisfied until I get back and make that Ebidzuka get on his knees too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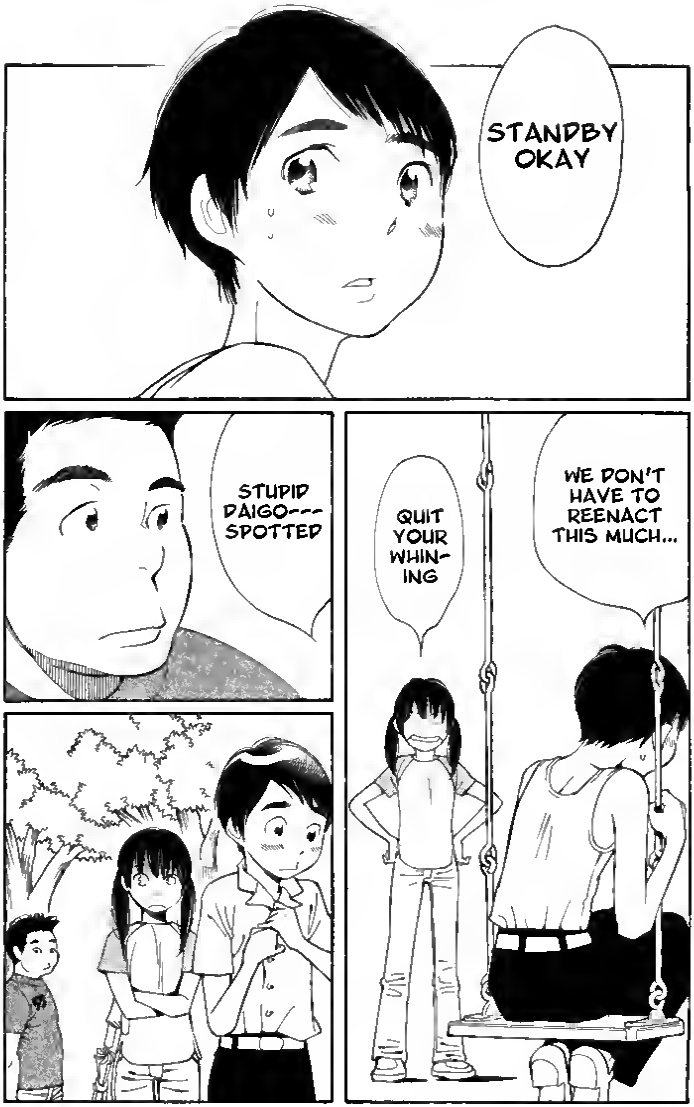
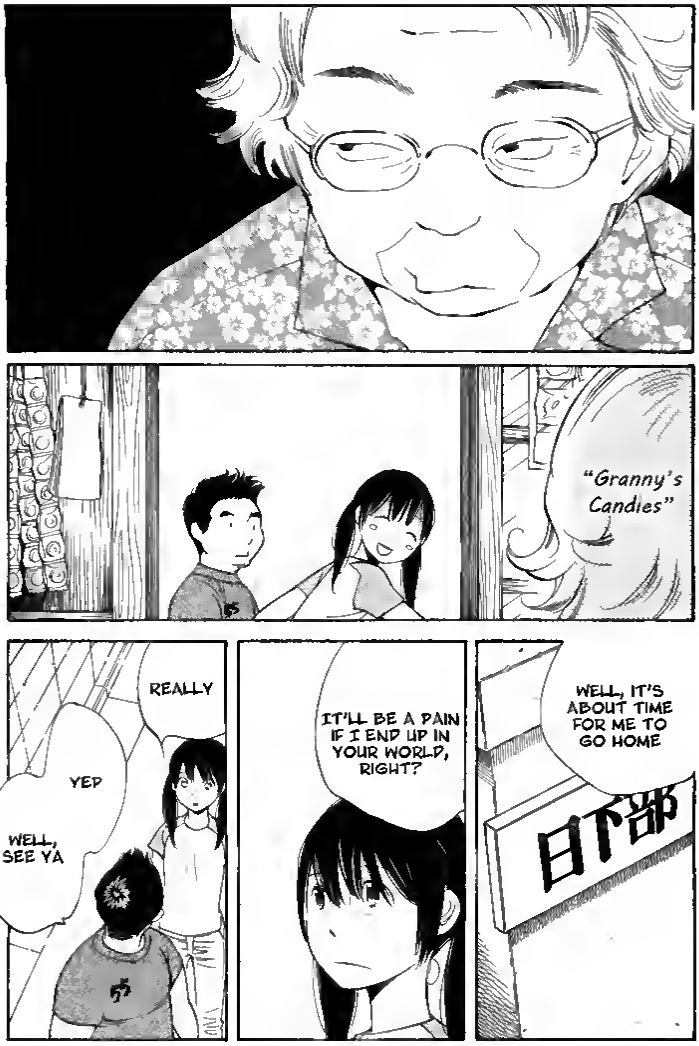

STANDBY OKAY
STUPID DAIGO--- SPOTTED
QUIT YOUR WHIN-ING
WE DON'T HAVE TO REENACT THIS MUCH...


"Granny's Candies"
WELL, IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR ME TO GO HOME
日下部
IT'LL BE A PAIN IF I END UP IN YOUR WORLD, RIGHT?
REALLY
YEP
WELL, SEE YA

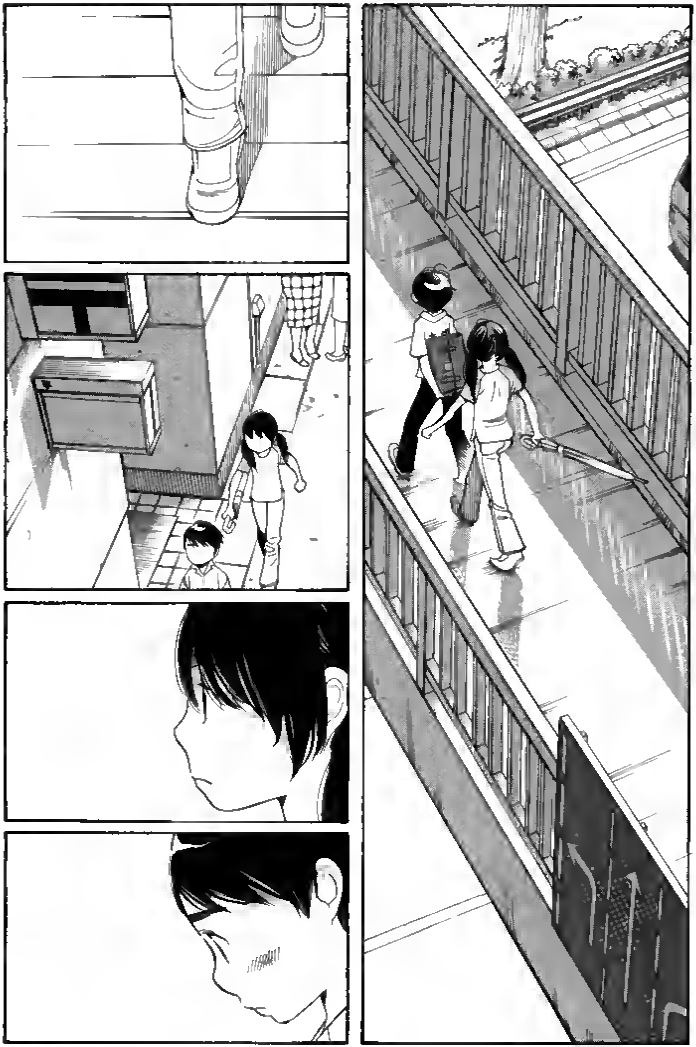
Kusakabe

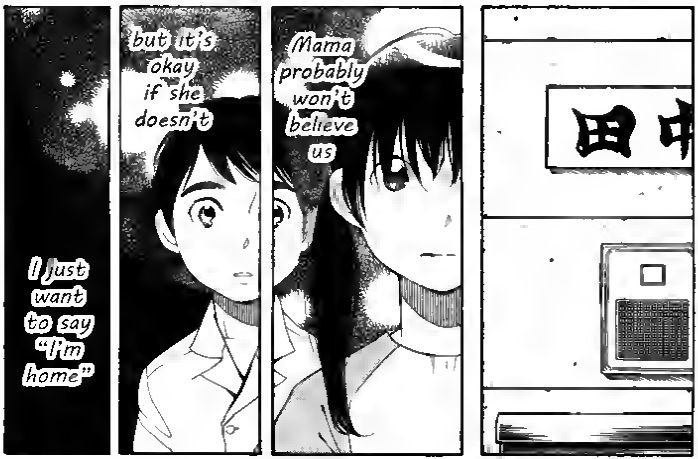
Eh
that he's going to confess his love?
Don't tell me
Oh no
HUH?
AH
OKAY
LET'S SHAKE HANDS
TH-
THANKS
OKAY?
GET HOME SAFELY, 'KAY?

Translation note: "Route 225" (ルート225) can be translated as both "Route 225" and "Root 225"

8. Route 225

SEE---
YA---
The highway
Those small, stylish apartments
And so we parted with the kind Macho




I just want to say "I'm home"
but it's okay if she doesn't
Mama probably won't believe us
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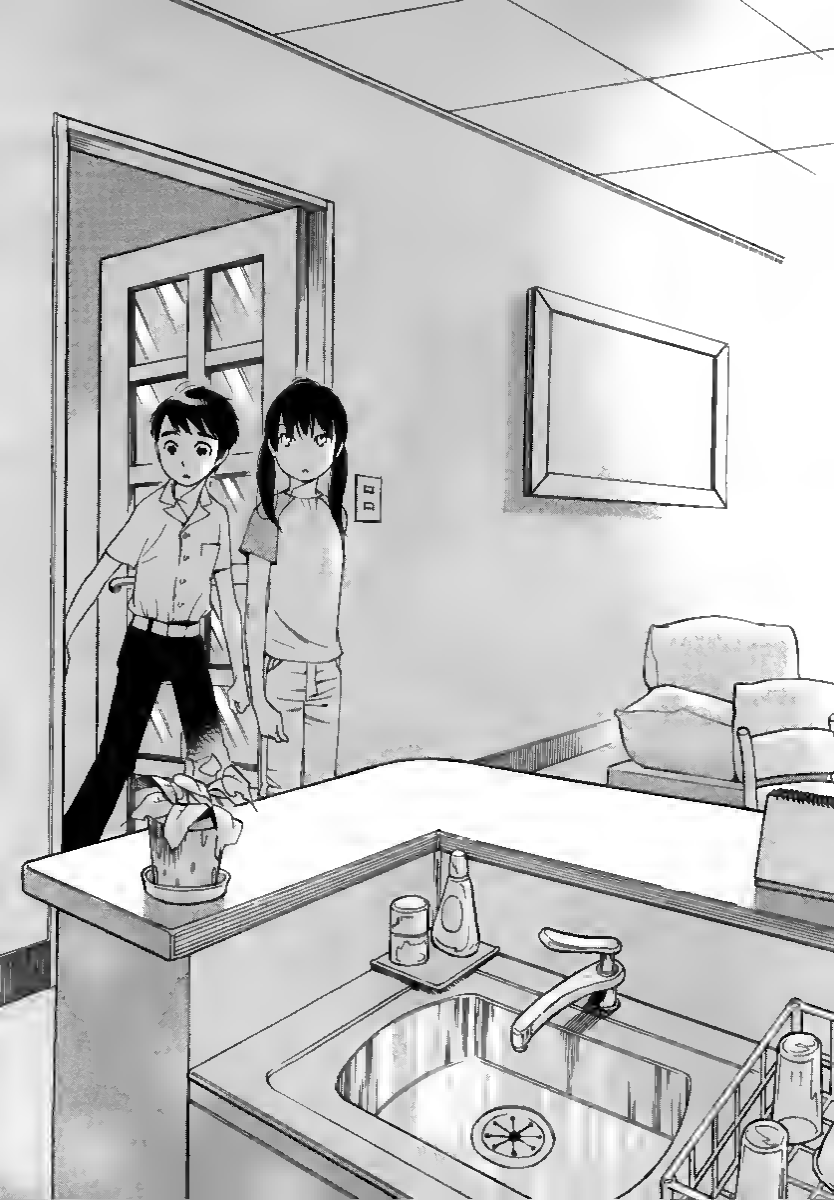
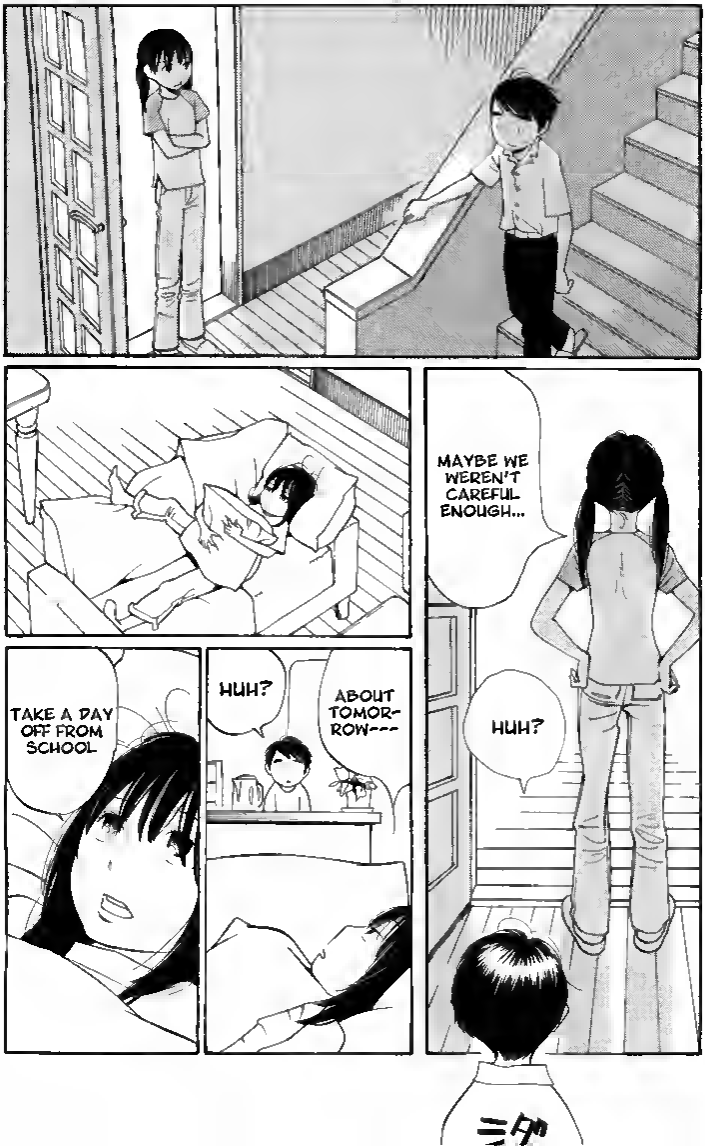
Tanaka

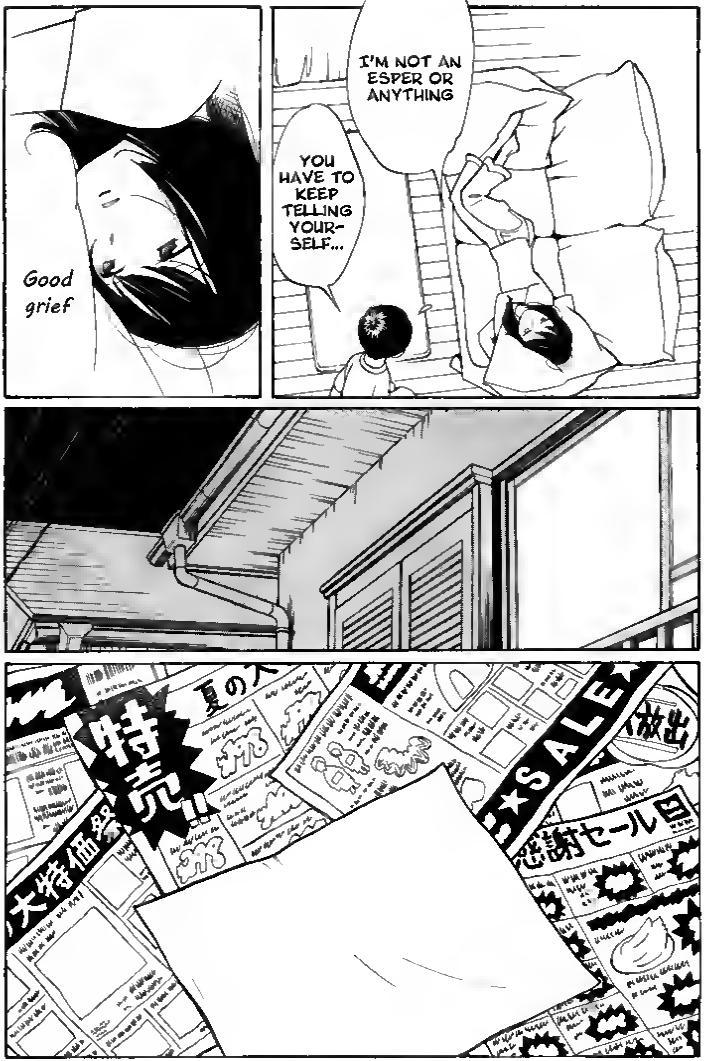


I'LL GO CHECK UPSTAIRS


MAYBE WE WEREN'T CAREFUL ENOUGH...
HUH?
ABOUT TOMOR-ROW---
HUH?
TAKE A DAY OFF FROM SCHOOL

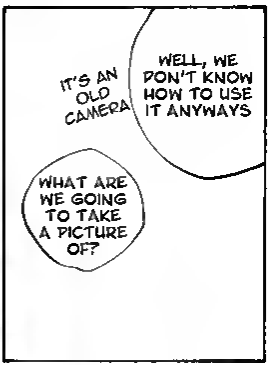
IT'LL BE DIFFICULT TO FACE EBIDZUKA TOMORROW, RIGHT?
YOU TAKE A DAY OFF TOO
IT'S ALRIGHT, YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO LIKE THIS
YOU KNOW

YOU HAVE TO KEEP THINKING THAT YOU WANT TO GO HOME
...I DID, REALLY
AND WHAT GOOD WILL COME OUT OF IT?
WHAT DO MEAN BY "KEEP THINKING"?
YOU DUMMY

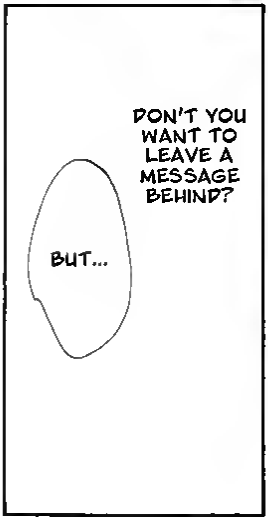

Good grief
I'M NOT AN ESPER OR ANYTHING
YOU HAVE TO KEEP TELLING YOURSELF...
特売!!
SALE

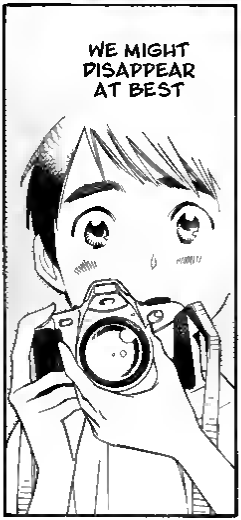
Many thanks
Macho-Prime

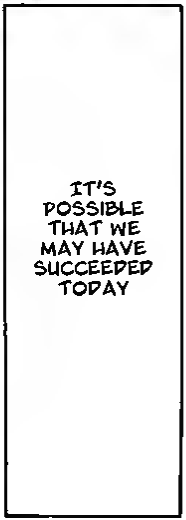
Thank you ×3

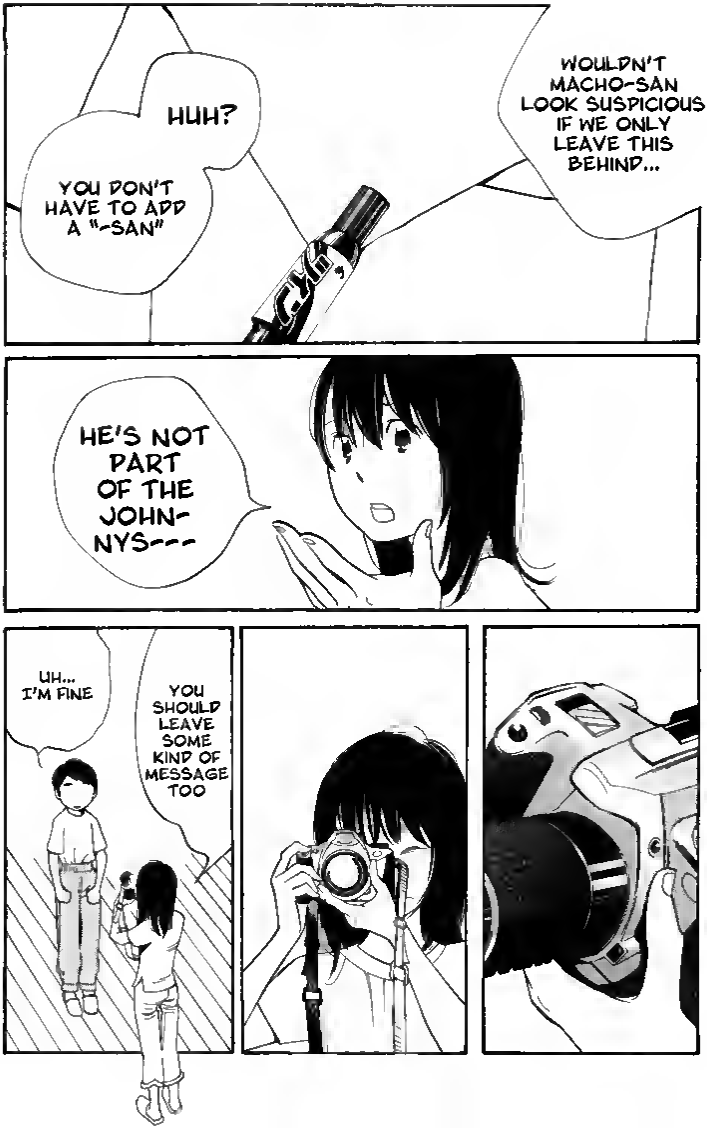


SWAP
Many thanks
Macho-Prime
Thank you x 3


BUT...
DON'T YOU WANT TO LEAVE A MESSAGE BEHIND?

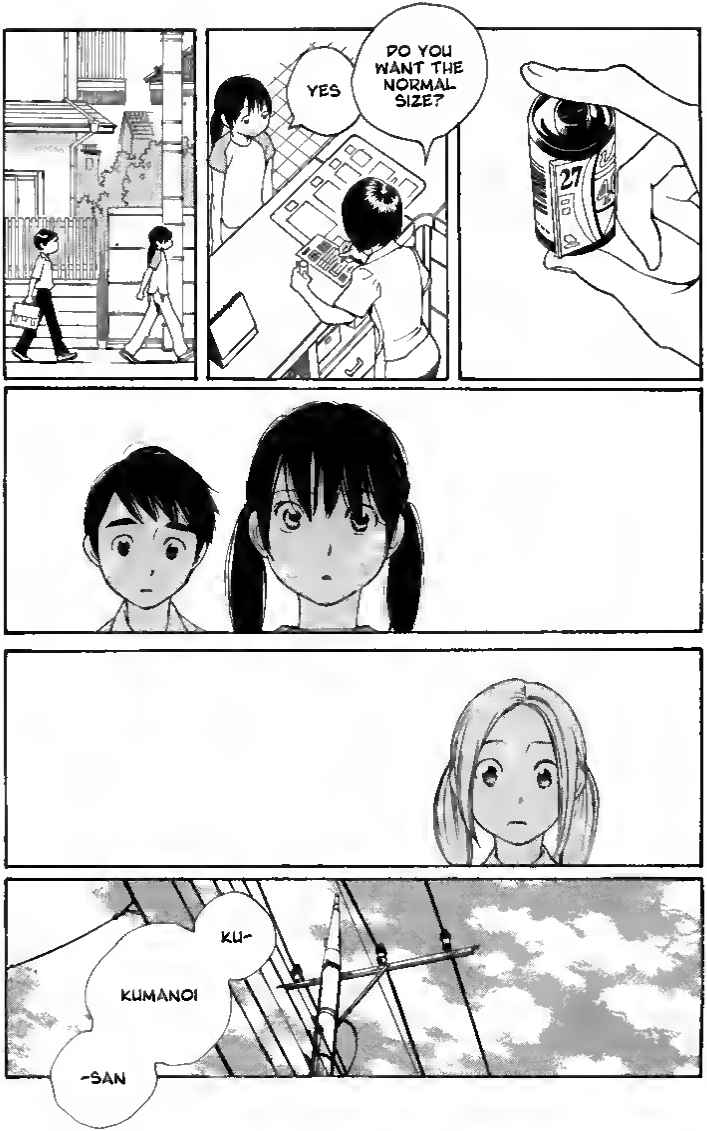

WE MIGHT DISAPPEAR AT BEST


IT'S POSSIBLE THAT WE MAY HAVE SUCCEEDED TODAY


WOULDN'T MACHO-SAN LOOK SUSPICIOUS IF WE ONLY LEAVE THIS BEHIND...
HUH?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO ADD A "-SAN"
HE'S NOT PART OF THE JOHN-NYS---
UH... I'M FINE
YOU SHOULD LEAVE SOME KIND OF MESSAGE TOO

AH---
I'M SORRY, I'M SORRY
snap
YOU...
REALLY DON'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS, HUH
While I was in the mood, I also wrote a message to Ookubo-chan, Mikawa-san, and Shima-chan
FUNC
The contents are secret

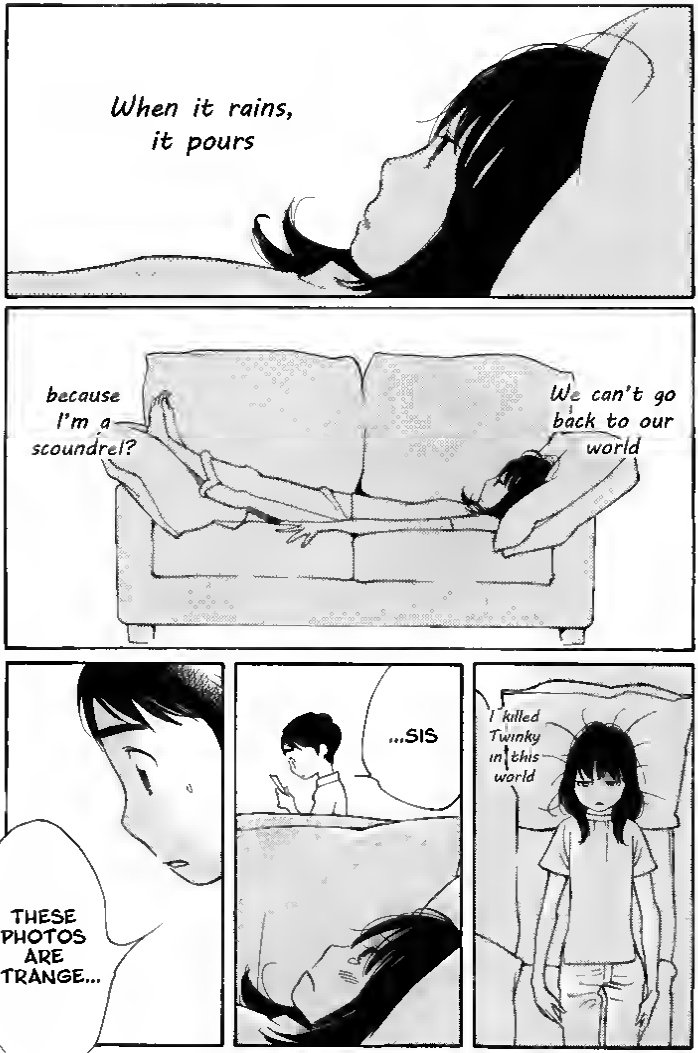
COME HERE SO I CAN TAKE MORE PICTURES---
EH---
I'LL PASS
GO HEAT UP THE INSTANT-CURRY, DAIGO
GEEZ, STOP THAT ALREADY
WHAT A LONER
OKAY I'M DONE
DID YOU LOCK THE DOOR?
YEA


YES
DO YOU WANT THE NORMAL SIZE?
27
KU-
KUMANOI
-SAN

A-
ARE YOU GOING HOME?
...YES
ERIKO...
DID SOMETHING REALLY HAPPEN...?
SORRY ABOUT WHAT I SAID EARLIER...
IT SEEMS THAT I MADE YOU CRY

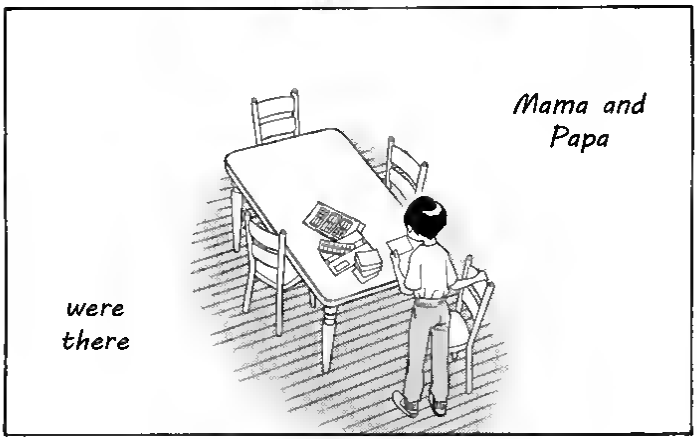
YOU NEVER TALK ABOUT TWINKY, ERIKO
THAT'S IT
I'M REALLY SORRY... I WAS SO INSENSITIVE
ABOUT... TWINKY,
Huh?
OF COURSE, IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT
BECAUSE I WAS THE ONE WHO GAVE YOU THE LEASH...
Huh...
BUT THE ONE WHO LET THE LEASH GO WASN'T YOU?

OF COURSE, IT WAS AN ACCIDENT---
TWINKY WAS HIT RIGHT BEFORE YOUR EYES
THAT'S WHY I THOUGHT THAT YOU DIDN'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT, ERIKO
IT'S ALL IN THE PAST NOW---
BUT ONLY YOU---


When it rains, it pours
because I'm a scoundrel?
We can't go back to our world
THESE PHOTOS ARE STRANGE...
...SIS
I killed Twinky in this world

WH-
WHAT'S THIS?

In the photos that we took today,


Mama and Papa
were there

SEEMS LIKE
THOSE
GHOST PHOTOS
24
MART
9. Goodbye (Part 1)

MAYBE THE REMAINING FILM JUST OVERLAPPED?
24
NO WAIT
YOU TWO COULDN'T GET HOME YESTERDAY, HUH
IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE WE'VE LAST SEEN PAPA AND MAMA
HOW MANY SHOTS WERE LEFT IN IT TO BEGIN WITH?

NO
EVEN THEN, THEY'RE PERFECTLY INTERACTING WITH THE FURNITURE
BOTH OF THEM
...EH?
AH, SORRY
WHAT IS IT?

...YEA
YOU'RE RIGHT
LOOKING AT THESE PHOTOS, IT DOESN'T SEEM THAT MR. AND MRS. TANAKA ARE OUT OF PLACE
I JUST HAD ANOTHER IDEA
DAIGO, GO BUY A NEW ROLL OF FILM
24H MART
田中
カシャ
カシャ
カシャ

D.P.E.
石出カメラ
LET'S TEST THIS
24
WELL, I'VE GOT TO GO TO MY CRAM SCHOOL
石出カメラ
者中
...WE SHOULD GO TOO
YEA...

HM?

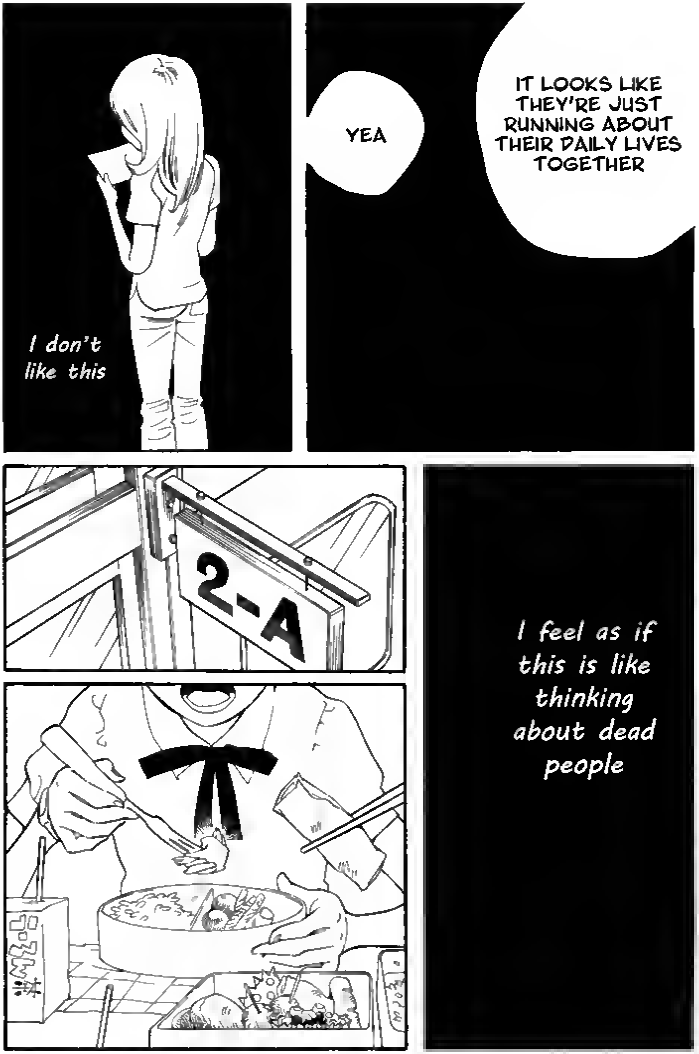
UWAWA-
WAWA
ピッ
RUN!

My heart pounded
TAKE AN UMBRELLA ALONG WITH YOU---
I HEARD THAT IT'S GOING TO RAIN
NO WAY
This must be the follow-up to the other day, I thought
Mama

it looks like you were right about bringing an umbrella!
I'LL GO GET THE PHOTOS

Ah
his back
WHAT AN IDIOT
IT WAS AROUND HERE, RIGHT?

IT'S LIKE
I DON'T KNOW WHY,
BUT IF YOU LOOK AT IT LIKE THIS

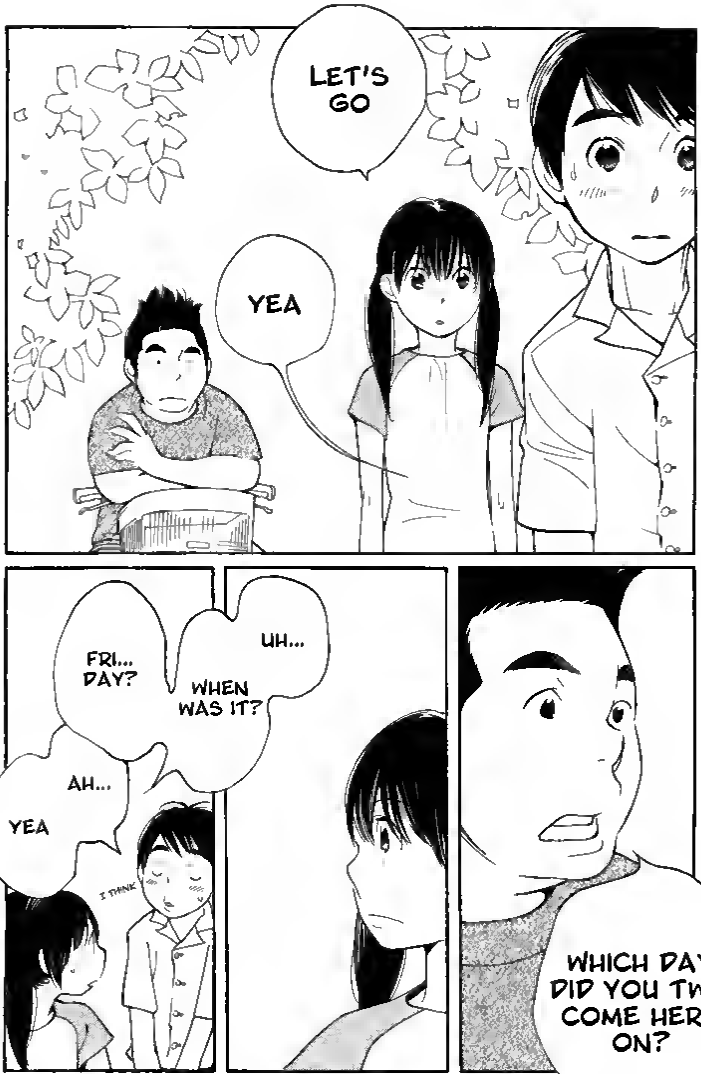

I don't like this
YEA
IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE JUST RUNNING ABOUT THEIR DAILY LIVES TOGETHER
2-A
I feel as if this is like thinking about dead people

YOU DON'T FEEL HUNGRY?
YEA...
WELL, THAT'S TRUE
ARE YOU ON A DIET?
HUH?
YOU'RE ONLY EATING ONE PIECE OF BREAD
ふぐっ
DID YOUR MOM DIE OR SOMETHING?
SORRY, ERIKO
SHE WAS JUST BEING INSENSITIVE; SHE DIDN'T MEAN IT
THIS GIRL
UWAH
SORRY, SORRY
THAT'S WHY NO ONE LIKES YOU
YOU'RE THE WORST

I WONDER HOW WOULD IT FEEL IF MY FAMILY SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED...
I THINK I WOULDN'T GIVE UP UNTIL I CAN CONFIRM THEIR DEATH OR SOMETHING
AH...
SO...
SORRY ERI-CHIN
DON'T TELL ME THAT IT'S TRUE...

NO WAY, YOU DUMMY!
PROBABLY
EVEN IF YOU CONFIRMED IT,
CAN YOU LET THEM GO SO EASILY?
SINCE I'M THEIR CHILD

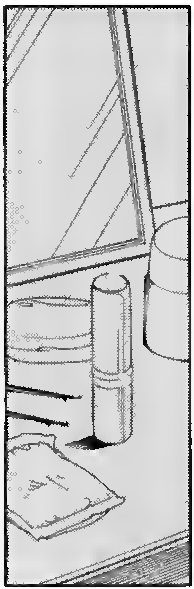
Our Mama and Papa on the other world
might not be able to give up on us
Speaking of that, the Mama in the photo did look tired


LET'S GO
YEA
WHICH DAY DID YOU TWO COME HERE ON?
UH...
WHEN WAS IT?
FRI... DAY?
AH...
YEA
I THINK

NOT AGAIN...
SOMETHING MIGHT HAPPEN
OHH
THAT'S TODAY
IT'S ALL ABOUT BELIEVING IN THE POWER OF WORDS
STUPID
IF WE FAIL, IT'S ALL BECAUSE YOU CELEBRATED TOO QUICKLY...
YOU SHOULD JUST KEEP TELLING YOURSELF YOUR WISH
HMMM...

I WISH THAT I'LL BECOME MACHO'S GIRLFRIEND
HEY
THAT'S A GOOD THING
田中
Tanaka

UNCLE AND AUNTIE SAID THAT THEY'LL COME BY TODAY
REALLY ...

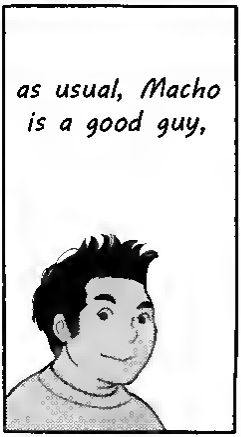


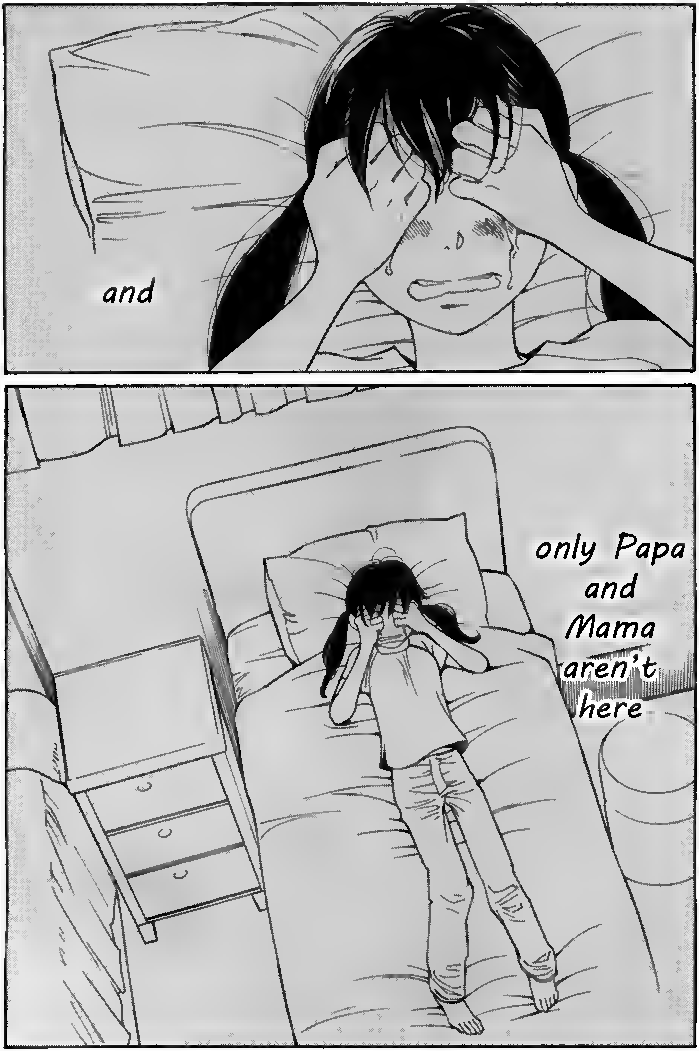
It feels so cold when no one's around

In this world,

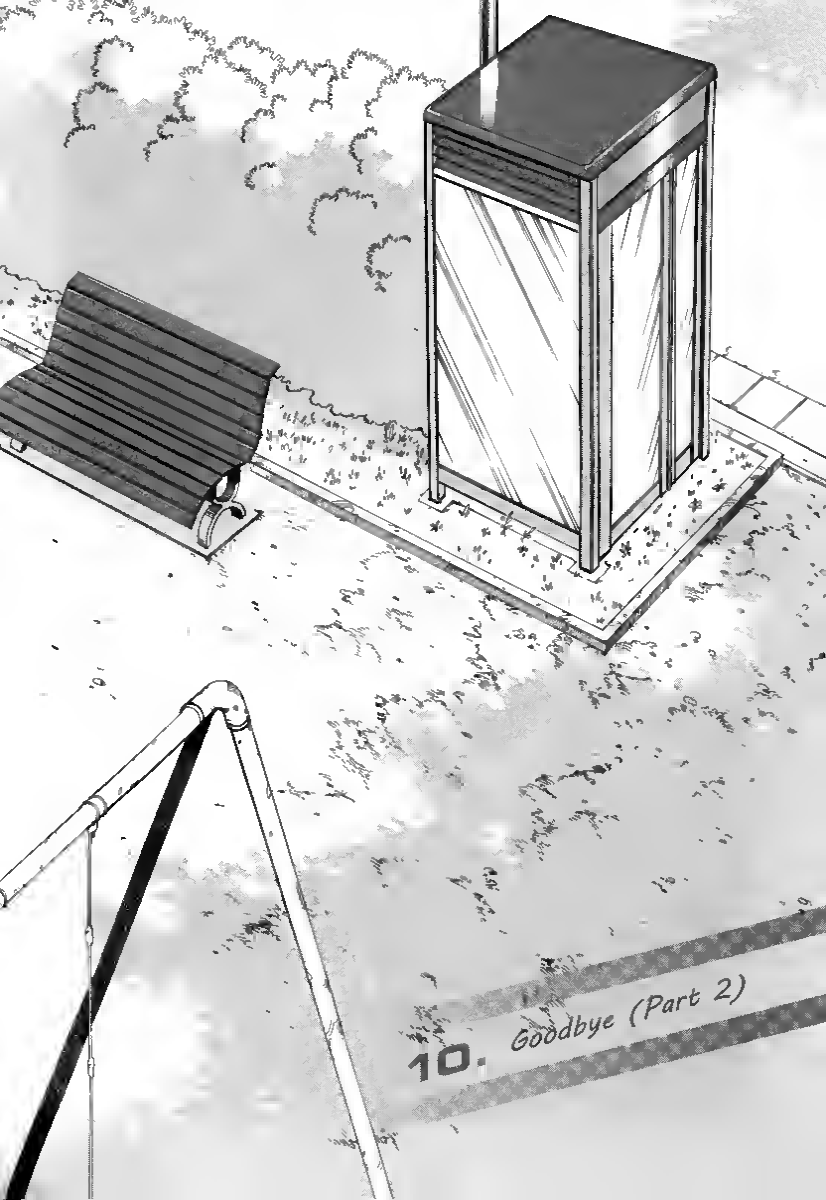
I'm best friends with Ookubo-chan,

Shima-chan and Mikawa-san are fun and kind,


as usual, Macho is a good guy,


and
only Papa and Mama aren't here

Bye bye, Macho
and everyone else in my class
Mikawa-san, Shima-chan,
Ookubo-chan,
Bye bye, everyone



10. Goodbye (Part 2)

To be honest, we didn't think that we could go

even though we've done this so many times

That's why we'll do it
It was better than not doing it at all
But we had no choice

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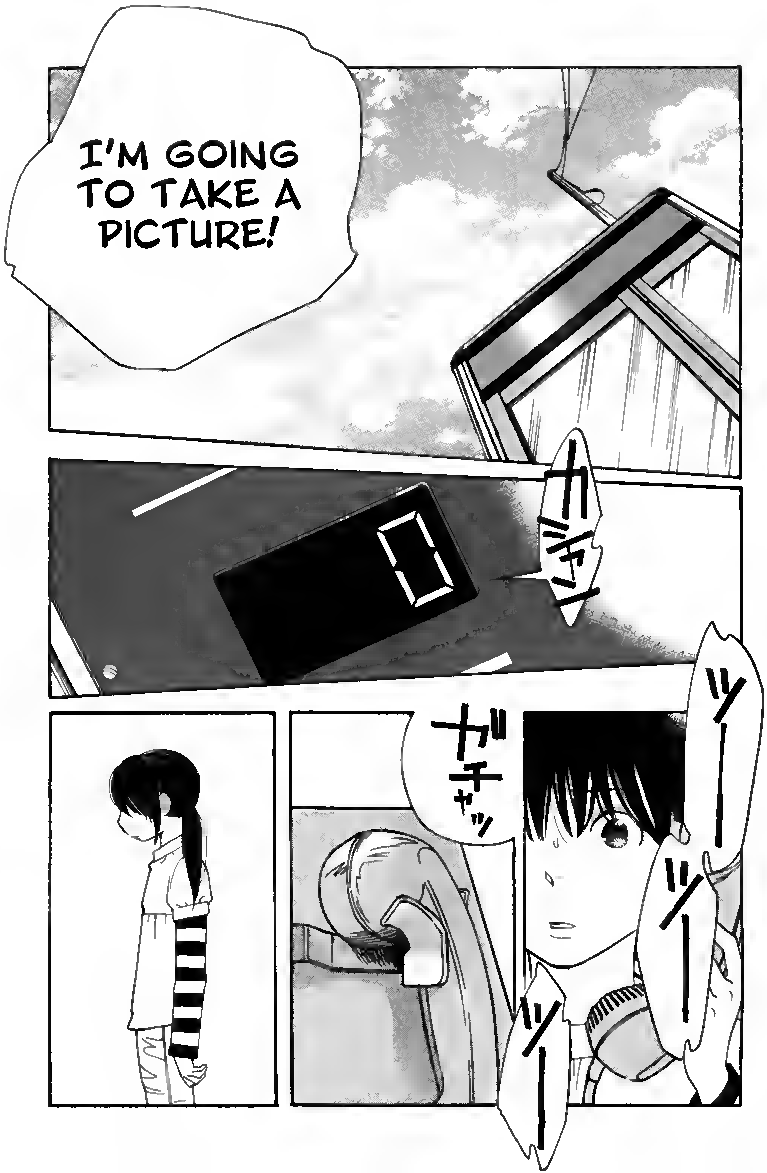
*
TAKAHASHI
22
Toshinobu
Kabayama
Hello
ガシャン
Eri-chan?
AH...

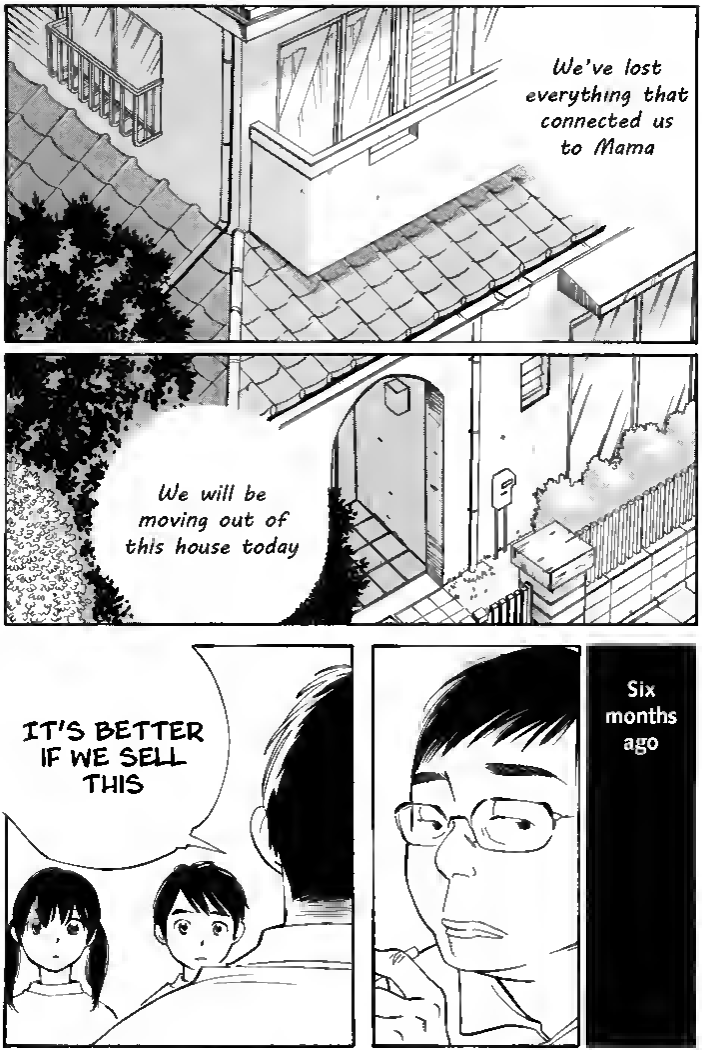
This is Eri-chan, right?
Is Dai-chan there too?
Have you been sleeping well?
DAIGO HAS BEEN DOING WELL TOO
AH!
I'LL PUT HIM ON
...I'M ALRIGHT
Have you been eating your meals?

I'M ALRIGHT ...I'M DOING FINE
YEA
MA
MAMA?
YEA ...
YEA ...
...That was close
I almost broke out in tears because I haven't heard Mama's voice in so long
ヒクヒクヒク
He's especially broken up

Dai-chan?
WHAT DO I DO, SIS!? IT'S GONNA END
MAMA, SORRY!
WE CAN'T CALL YOU AGAIN AFTER THIS
What's wrong? What happened?
ONCE
ONCE THE CALL ENDS, IT'S ALL OVER
MAMA, PLEASE!
Eriko?

TODAY
LATER TODAY... SIT ON THE LIVING ROOM SOFA AT TWELVE O'CLOCK
TOGETHER WITH PAPA
UMMMM
IF YOU CAN ...
IF YOU CAN, KEEP THE LEFT HALF EMPTY
SIT ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE SOFA!
Eri-chan, what are you
JUST LISTEN TO ME!


I'M GOING TO TAKE A PICTURE!
カシャン
ガチャッ
ツー
ツー
ツー


We've lost everything that connected us to Mama
We will be moving out of this house today
IT'S BETTER IF WE SELL THIS
Six months ago

SO DAIGO CAN FEEL RELAXED THERE
WE HAVE, WELL, THREE BOYS
ONODA-SAN HAS THREE GIRLS
ERI-CHAN, IT'LL BE GREAT
WHEN WILL THEY MOVE IN?
NEXT SPRING
WE HAVE SIX MONTHS, SO WE CAN USE THAT TIME TO CHECK THEIR BACKGROUNDS
YOU SHOULDN'T SAY IT THAT WAY

WELL, I THINK IT'S CRUEL,
BUT IT'S BETTER THAN BEATING AROUND THE BUSH
...I DON'T LIKE THIS
WHAT?
DAI-CHAN
I DON'T WANT TO...LEAVE THIS PLACE

THEN HOW WILL YOU TWO LIVE HERE?
HOW WILL TWO KIDS FEED THEM-SELVES?
I STILL DON'T LIKE IT...
DON'T THROW A TANTRUM

DON'T BE SELFISH!
THIS IS THE RESULT OF
THE WORK THAT MANY ADULTS HAVE DONE FOR YOU TWO
I STILL DON'T LIKE IT
NOOOO!!
We're just kids

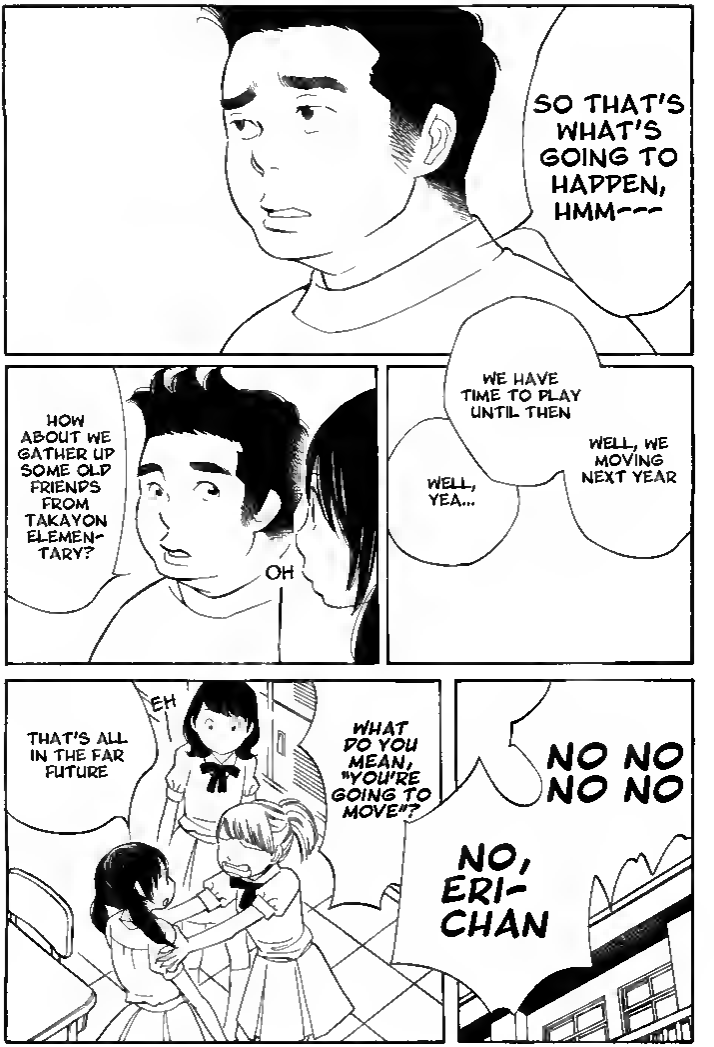
That's why, in the end

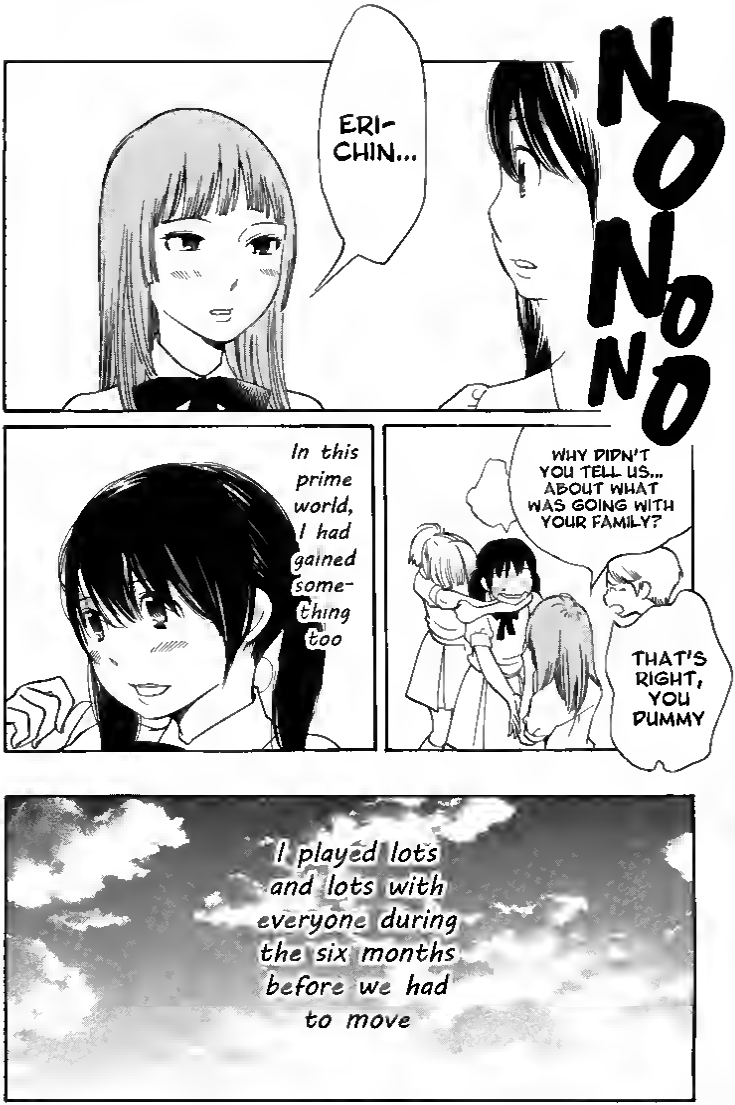
we had no choice but to follow the adults

Who should I tell first…

We're going to leave next spring, huh

I've never seen Daigo shout like that


SO THAT'S WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN, HMM---
WE HAVE TIME TO PLAY UNTIL THEN
WELL, WE MOVING NEXT YEAR
WELL, YEA...
HOW ABOUT WE GATHER UP SOME OLD FRIENDS FROM TAKAYON ELEMENTARY?
OH
NO NO NO NO
NO, ERI-CHAN
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "YOU'RE GOING TO MOVE"?
EH
THAT'S ALL IN THE FAR FUTURE

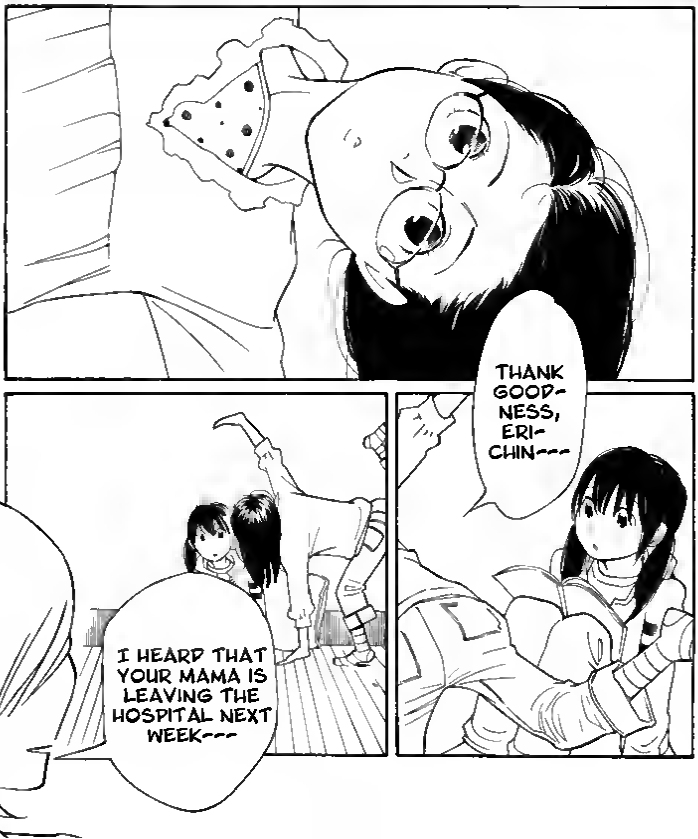

ERI-CHIN...
NONONO
In this prime world, I had gained some-thing too
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US... ABOUT WHAT WAS GOING WITH YOUR FAMILY?
THAT'S RIGHT, YOU DUMMY
I played lots and lots with everyone during the six months before we had to move

Those six months passed in a blink of an eye
AHH
YOU TWO
WHERE WERE YOU? GOOD GRIEF
THEN, WE'RE GOING TO MOVE THE SOFA---
WAIT!
DON'T MOVE IT YET
AH, YES, PLEASE!

AH...NO
NO, THERE'S AN ORDER TO WHAT GETS MOVED, YOU KNOW
THE SOFA...
PLEASE MOVE IT LAST
I'LL GO ASK
OH~~~ SORRY ABOUT THIS
DAIGO
SIT ON THE LEFT HALF

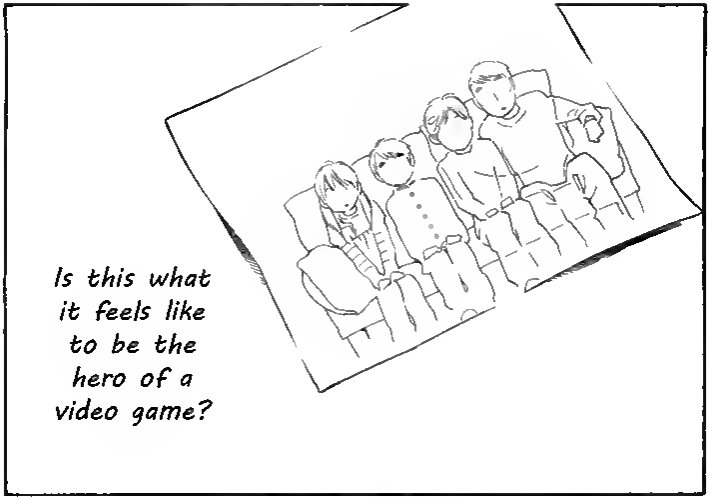
WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING, SITTING ON ONE EDGE?
AUNTIE
PLEASE TAKE OUR PHOTO
YOU'LL SOON BE ABLE TO COME BACK AGAIN, YOU KNOW
Our story ends here

The story of the prime world



SHE SAID THAT YOUR PAPA AND DAIGO WENT TO SEE HER
ERI-CHIN IS LEAV-ING?
EH---
YOU'LL GET SO LONELY WHEN ERI-CHAN GOES BACK, HUH
EH---
OH, THIS GIRL...
WHY, WHY?

ISN'T IT BETTER FOR HER TO LIVE WITH HER FAMILY?
ERI-CHIN IS PART OF OUR FAMILY
THEN, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT UNCLE AND AUNTIE?
THEY SAID THAT DAIGO GREW 5 CM
After I came to this town, Papa and Mama come back to life
This world that I'm in now
Where is it?

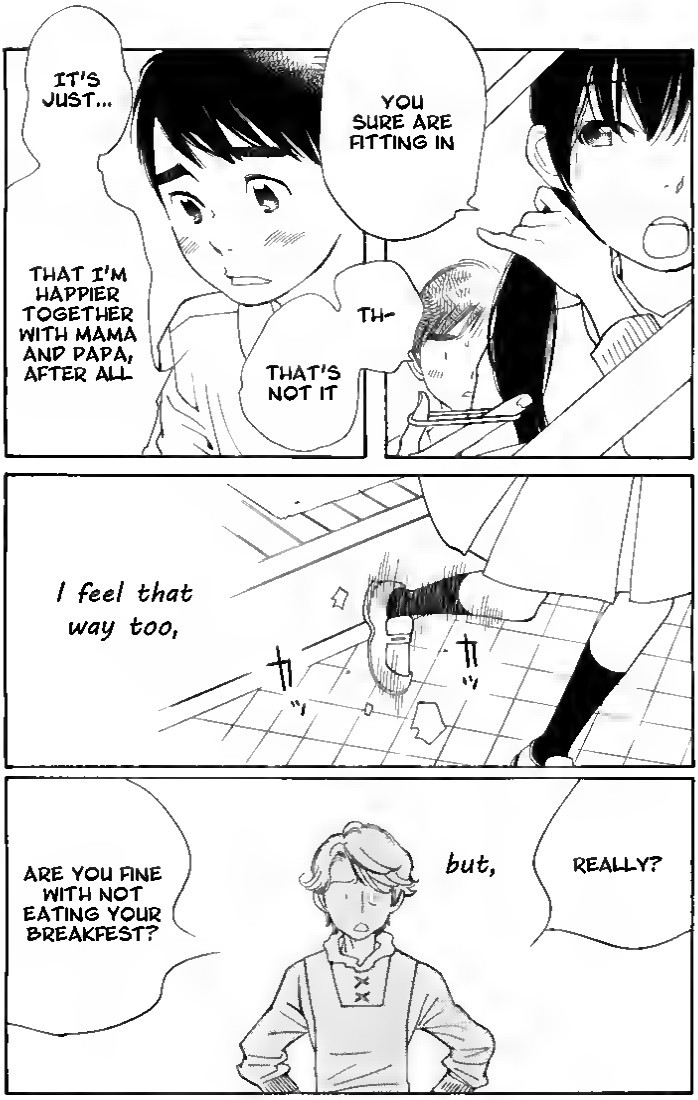

Is this what it feels like to be the hero of a video game?

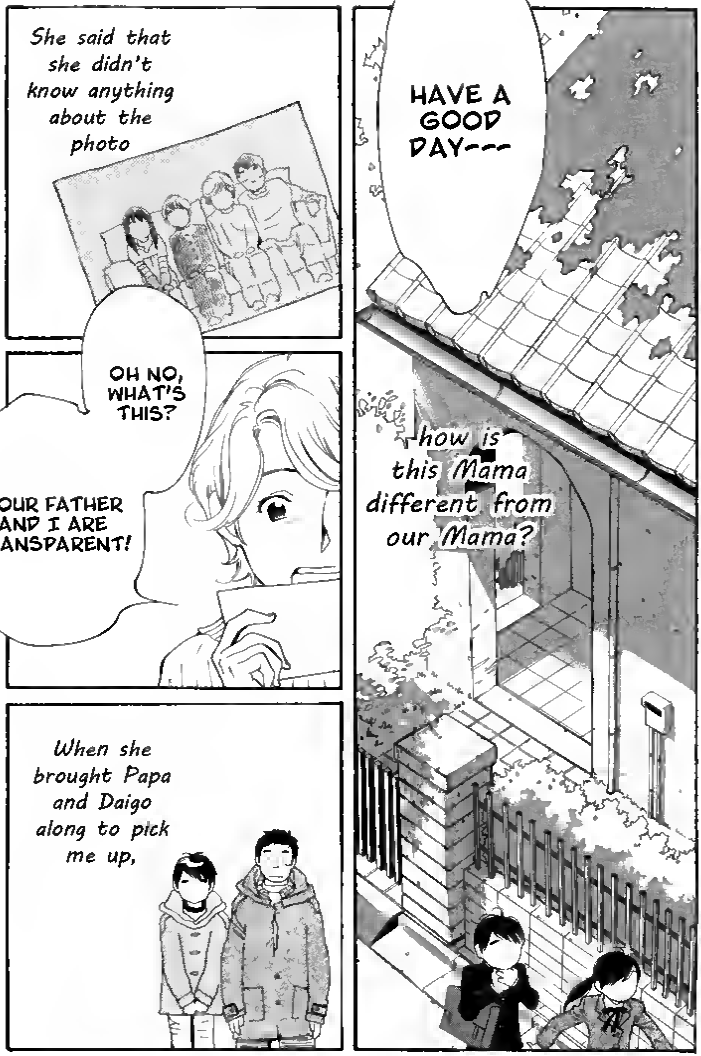
I don't actually play video games, so I wouldn't know

ERI-CHAAAAN
YOU'RE REALLY GOING TO BE LATE IF YOU DON'T WAKE UP
DAI-CHAN, GO WAKE HER UP
AH
OKAY
Which Daigo is this Daigo?

AH
IF YOU'RE AWAKE, THEN YOU SHOULD GET READY
He grew 5 centi-meters

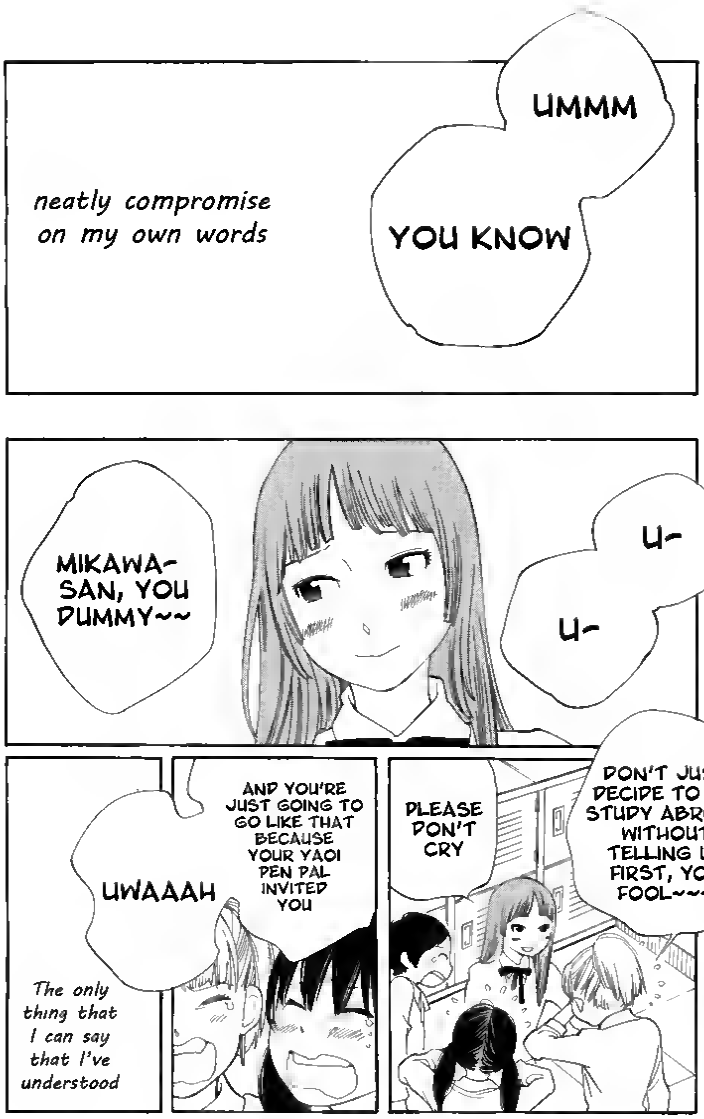
11. Epilogue


IT'S JUST...
THAT I'M HAPPIER TOGETHER WITH MAMA AND PAPA, AFTER ALL
YOU SURE ARE FITTING IN
TH-
THAT'S NOT IT
I feel that way too,
but,
ARE YOU FINE WITH NOT EATING YOUR BREAKFEST?
REALLY?


She said that she didn't know anything about the photo
OH NO, WHAT'S THIS?
YOUR FATHER AND I ARE TRANSPARENT!
When she brought Papa and Daigo along to pick me up,
HAVE A GOOD DAY---
how is this Mama different from our Mama?

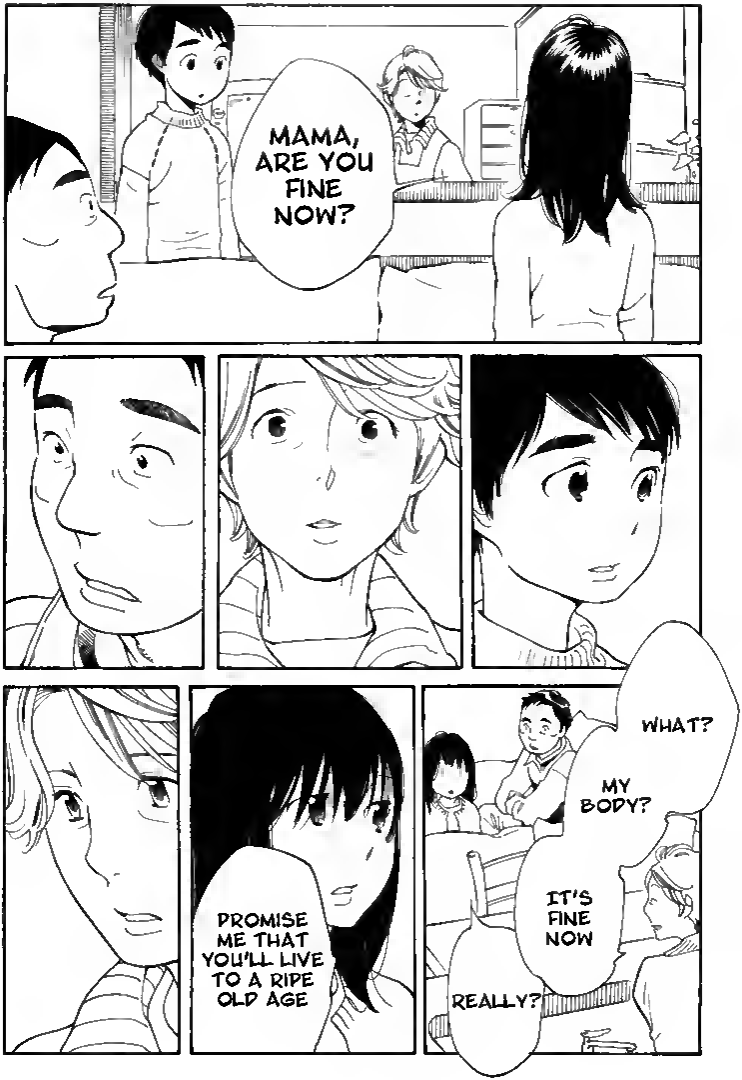
I saw Daigo's face
and I was sure that this Daigo was the Daigo that I knew
GEEZ~
I DIDN'T EVEN HAVE TO ASK
DAIGO IF HE WANTED TO COME ALONG
YOU SURE GET ALONG WITH YOUR DAD---
DAIGO IS SO BIG, YET HE'S STILL LIKE A SMALL KID
My relation with Ookubo-chan went back to being a minor one
Honestly, I thought that it was a bit too much

But
HEY
HEY
our relationship had been fixed with a heartfelt letter written by yet another me
Now, I'll
OOKUBO-CHAN

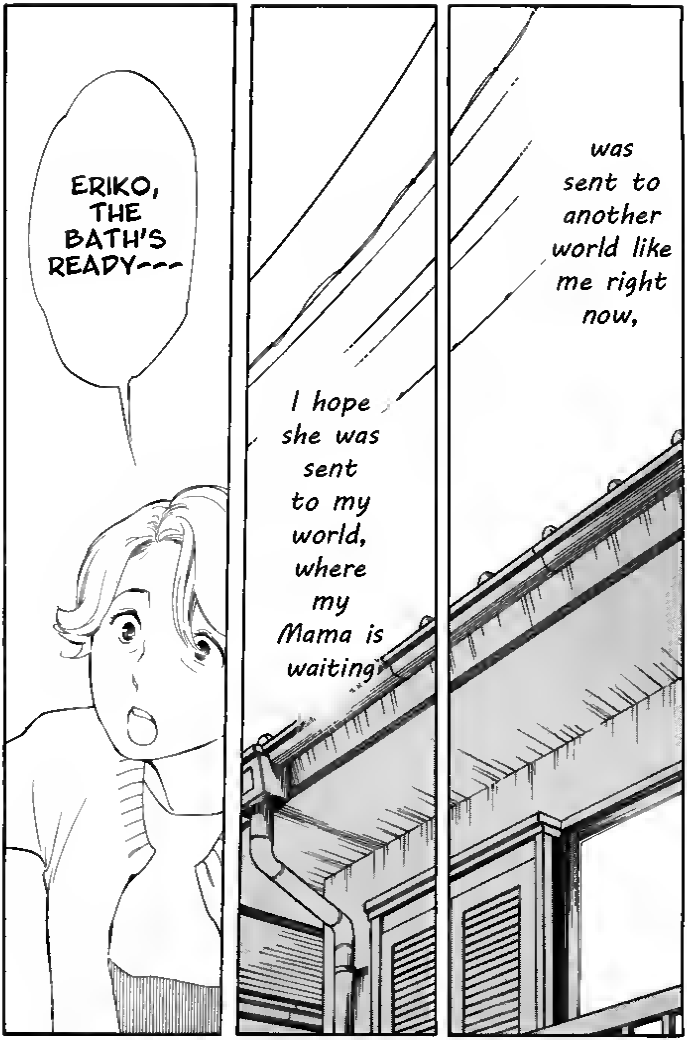

UMMM
YOU KNOW
neatly compromise on my own words
MIKAWA-SAN, YOU DUMMY~~
U-
U-
DON'T JUST DECIDE TO GO STUDY ABROAD WITHOUT TELLING US FIRST, YOU FOOL~~~
PLEASE DON'T CRY
AND YOU'RE JUST GOING TO GO LIKE THAT BECAUSE YOUR YAOI PEN PAL INVITED YOU
UWAAAH
The only thing that I can say that I've understood

was that which world I'm in must be changing slightly all the time
AAHHHNN
ERIKO-SAA-N
AH...
KUMA NOI-
AH
S-
SURE
DO YOU WANT TO GO PLAY NEXT TIME?
IT'S OKAY, YOU DON'T HAVE TO ADD THAT
SAN

I'm still nervous around Kumanoi-san
TELL DAIGO-KUN THAT I SAID HELLO---
OKAAY...
I LIKE KUMANOI-SAN BECAUSE SHE'S POLITE---
NO WAY
ARE YOU TWO GOING OUT?
I SAID "NO WAY"...

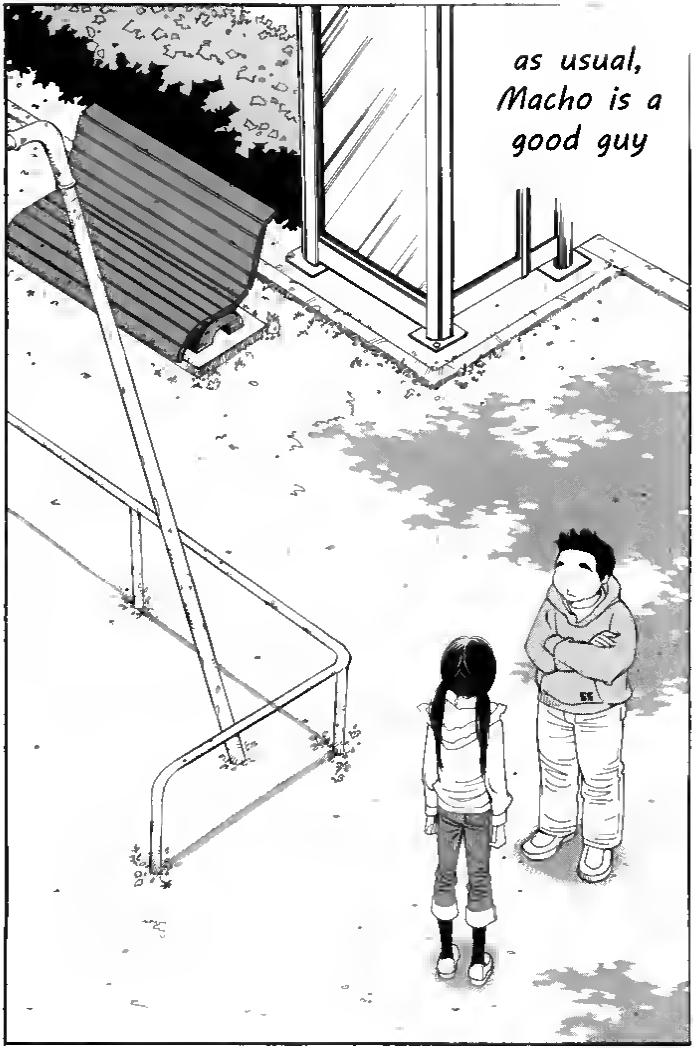

MAMA, ARE YOU FINE NOW?
WHAT?
MY BODY?
IT'S FINE NOW
REALLY?
PROMISE ME THAT YOU'LL LIVE TO A RIPE OLD AGE

OH MY
PLEASE DON'T CRY
I PROMISE
YOUR FATHER TOO
If the me that's supposed to be here


ERIKO, THE BATH'S READY---
I hope she was sent to my world, where my Mama is waiting.
was sent to another world like me right now,

This Mama and Papa are here for me
KAY---
O---
so Daigo and I should be there for my Mama and Papa
I've come to like the people here too
...DO YOU BELIEVE ME?

NOPE
...THAT'S NOT A LIE, RIGHT?
THEN I HAVE TO BELIEVE IN YOU, RIGHT?
See
'CUZ WE'RE FRIENDS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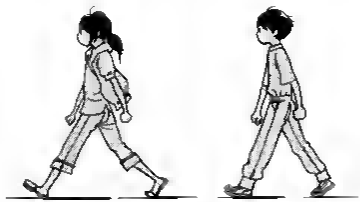

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It seems that your readers love it too.

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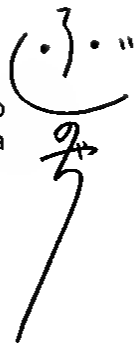

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